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Key players new 'Roo at 32

By LAURIE SCHWAB



• Egan • Melia • Villani

Graham Honeyman came to Australia in 1976, on the same plane as John Stevenson and Bertie Lutton, to join Sydney City Hawks. Ten years later, at the age of 32, he makes his debut for the Socceroos at Football Park in Adelaide, against Udinese of Italy.

He had his 32nd birthday last Thursday but rejects claims that he's too old to start a Socceroo career.

"I'm still younger than Joe Watson," he says. "Honeyman and 32-year-old Watson are friends from way back. We both came from Fife in Scotland and we played together at school and in junior leagues. Joe was an inside left and I was a left winger. He's never been a sweeper but he was even more confident than I was. I was a sweeper, I didn't shoot until I was 15."

Socceroo coach Frank Ark-Rake Honeyman in Adelaide last week to ask him whether he would be available for the squad. Ark-Rake had pulled out due to business commitments and Tommy McCulloch, AFA's who played sweeper in the national youth team — was injured.

"I thought it was one of my mates having a joke," Honeyman says about the phone call. "Honeyman runs his own cleaning business. He cleans carpets during the day and the Lifestyle gym at Westlakes, opposite Football Park, at nights. He had to get people to do the work for him in order to make time for the Socceroos, and he's willing to do so again if Ark-Rake retains him for the World Cup campaign, starting in September.

Apart from being in excellent form this year, Honeyman is the kind of versatile player Ark-Rake values so highly. "Over the years, I've been pushed into any position which couldn't be adequately covered by someone else," Honeyman says. "I've been in midfield, on the wing and I've played striker. It's only in the past two years that I've been a sweeper or joint centre back, along with Neil McGachey when he was playing."

"At West Adelaide we play 2-5-2, with me as sweeper behind our two young stoppers, Brenton Hiern and Tim Brown. I'm a free player, really. I have to cover behind the two stoppers when we haven't got possession but at other times, I try to get forward as much as I can. The biggest thrill still is scoring a goal."

South Melbourne Hellas is the best team West Adelaide has met this season, Honeyman says, and it was mainly because of the great play of striker Charlie Egan that West Adelaide was beaten 4-2.

"He's so quick it's unreal," Honeyman says, and that leads him to Egan's controversial withdrawal from the Socceroo squad.

"Charlie said he had all kinds of grievances but it's the players from Adelaide and Brisbane who rarely get a chance in the national squad," Honeyman says.

"Look at Sergio Melia, for instance. He was voted Australian Player of the Year last year yet he wasn't included among the 40 Socceroos."

"Charlie Villani always has been a top player, and Steve Maxwell has got tremendous potential — particularly if he brushes up on his close ball skill a little."

"Danny Wright of Brisbane Lions always has impressed me, the Stewart brothers are very hard workers and Alan Reis of Brisbane City is very sharp and dangerous."

"George Konstantopoulos is a really exciting player with heaps of potential and a powerful right foot although he too could work a bit harder on his technique, while Chris Manos — who's only 25 — really can dominate the midfield."

Honeyman has a point, of course. Not since Martin Crook and Alan Niven played against New Zealand in 1983 has a South Australian or Queensland represented Australia at senior level.

It was then that Sydney Hawks manager, Dave MacLaren, who recruited Honeyman, Stevenson and Lutton in early 1976. Stevenson and Lutton later moved to South Melbourne Hellas and both since have retired from the big league.

Honeyman was recruited from East Fife, the club he joined as a schoolboy at the age of 16. He made his senior debut at 17 as a striker and during his five years with the club, it was promoted from the Second to the First Division.

Players at Hawks when he joined included Watson, Steve O'Connor, Kevin Miller, Alex Robertson, Henry Mowbray, Hilton Silva, Agenor Muniz, and Murray Barnes. With a total of nine goals, he and Barnes were joint top scorers in 1976, under coach George Keith, but Gerry Chalid who took over the following season, preferred Terry Smith as central striker.

Mike Johnson, who had moved from Sydney to take over as coach of West Adelaide Hellas for the inaugural 1983 National League season, recruited Honeyman, who had heard from goalkeeper Todd Clarke that South Australia was a nice, quiet place in which to bring up a family.

Since then, he has had approaches from Heidelberg-Alexander and Preston-Makedonia, but there's no way he'd leave Adelaide. He loves the place. So do his wife and two children.

The 1977 West Adelaide squad comprised: Martin Crook, Steve Amos, David Jones, Lucky Vagianos, Barry Reynolds, Dave Pillans, Neil McGachey, George McCulloch, John Kosmina, Nick Pantelis, Ian McGregor, Ted Delyster, Peter Boyle, Sam Service,

Champion of interstate underdogs says he'll be there for World Cup

David Yeates, Alex Zervas and Graeme Souness, who joined from Middlesbrough as a guest player for five games.

Vic Bonacic, Graham Norris, Con Kampas and Peter Tymoczyn joined for the 1978 season when West Adelaide, guided astutely by McGachey and Boyle, won the National League championship.

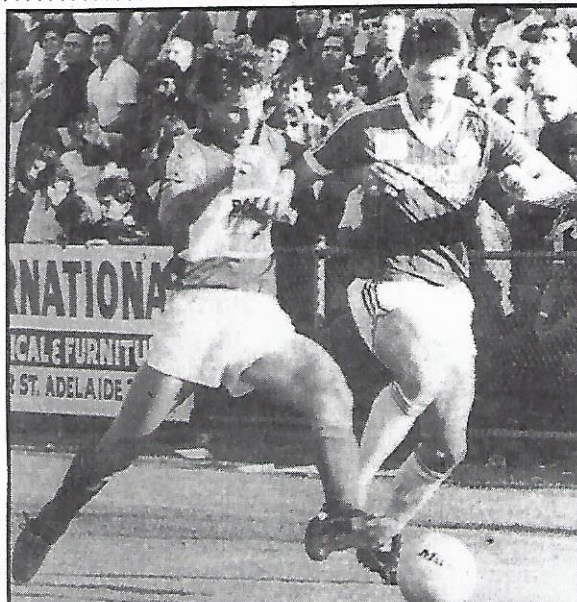
It should have been the start of a glorious era for West Adelaide, but things turned sour in 1979. The committee changed and one by one, the club lost Pillans, Boyle, Jones, Kampas, Reynolds who had been the outstanding full back in the league and then McGachey who broke his leg in 1979.

Now, apart from Honeyman, Crook and Gary Price, the team's average age is 29, which makes Honeyman doubt that the club has any chance of finishing in the top five.

"We need two experienced players, but they'd probably have to come from overseas, because players simply won't come to Adelaide from interstate. Neil McGachey will build a very good side eventually, because he's an excellent coach. He just needs time."

It appears that plans to import a Greek player — Dimitrios Ioannidis from Alexandroupolis — have fallen through. "Apparently the club was sent a video of the player in action, and they weren't impressed," Honeyman says.

But West Adelaide is quite happy about the way things have been going so far this season.



• Graham Honeyman (right), of West Adelaide Hellas, challenges Brisbane City's Steve Glockner. Picture: A. MASSEY.

TORINO, AEK ARE NEXT

With the international series heading for a thrilling climax at the MCG on Sunday, plans were finalised this week for Torino of Italy to take part in another star-studded tournament here in July-August.



• Dunn • Mavros

Torino, which finished second in the Italian championship, features Brazilian World Cup player Junior, Austrian midfielder Walter Schachner, Italian international midfielder Dossena and left winger Serena, one of the hottest properties in Italian soccer.

Torino will compete against AEK Athens, Red Star Belgrade, Australia and Arsenal in the international tournament.

name — again for rich prizemoney. Coach of Torino is former star player Gigi Radice.

AEK's star is prolific goalscorer Thomas Mavros.

Matches in the tournament again will be played at the MCG, the SCG and in Adelaide.

Meanwhile, Socceroo coach Frank Ark-Rake had succeeded before tonight's (Wednesday's) match against Udi-

nese in Adelaide in finding at least two men capable of strengthening the Socceroo team — Zarko Odzakovic and Jim Patikas, the Sydney Croatia pair who played very well in the 0-1 loss to Vasco Da Gama in Sydney.

Centre back Robbie Dunn of Makedonia, goalkeeper Jeff Oliver of Heidelberg and sweeper Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide are to be tried out against Udinese tonight.

In other changes, David Ratcliffe returns to the defence after injury and Joe Watson to the midfield.

Gerry Gomez, who had auditioned without much success for Alan Davidson's right-back spot, will be replaced tonight by a midfielder who will play on the right side, doubling as a full back when necessary.



Brazilian star Junior of Torino

English teams banned from Europe

UEFA, European soccer's governing body, in an unprecedented move, has banned English teams indefinitely from European competition following rioting at the European Cup final in Brussels last 38 dead. (see page 2).

The decision came after a two hour and 40 minute meeting of UEFA's executive committee in Basel, UEFA president Jacques Georges told a news conference.

Nine committee members, including the representative from Scotland, were present and two, from the Soviet Union and Italy, were absent.

The committee referred action specifically against Liverpool club, whose fans have been widely blamed for the deadly stampede, to its control and disciplinary commission.

The English football association last Friday had voluntarily withdrawn its professional teams from European competition for one year. Belgium, on the same day, imposed an indefinite ban on all British teams, from schoolboys to professionals, including those from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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Juve's cup of blood

Plans for the European Super Cup, the annual prestige fixture between the holders of the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup, to be played in Monte Carlo, have been scrapped because of fears of violence.

But the Monaco government's decision had been taken well before last week's European Cup Final tragedy in Brussels, Monaco Football Club's president, Jean-Louis Campora, said.

When the New Stade Louis II Stadium was opened earlier this year, Monte Carlo had planned to sign a contract with UEFA to host the match over three years.

Campora said the decision had come even before Everton, Liverpool's Merseyside Rivals, had beaten Rapid Vienna 3-1 to win the Cup Winners' Cup in Rotterdam on May 15.

"If football has got to be what it was last week then there should be no more football at that level," added Campora.

However, Juventus satisfied one of the most powerful and long-held ambitions in international club soccer last week when it beat holder Liverpool 1-0 in a European Champions' Cup final which will be remembered for crowd disturbances which led to at least 40 fans being killed and 350 injured when a wall collapsed during a stampede by rioting supporters.

Frenchman Michel Platini, the European Footballer of the Year, converted a penalty after 57 minutes.

The artistic midfielder had created the opening with a superb raking pass from deep in his own half to the feet of Zbigniew Boniek, racing through in the centre-forward position.

The Polish international striker accelerated through the middle of the Liverpool defence, but was brought down just outside the penalty

area by Gary Gillespie. A penalty was awarded and Platini stroked the ball wide of Bruce Grobbelaar's right hand for the winner.

Juventus returned from the Cup carnage to a muted welcome as Turin mourned the deaths of football fans in the riot in Brussels.

Sporadic outbursts of cheering and clapping among a handful of Juventus supporters who welcomed their victorious team at the airport contrasted starkly with the tense, haggard expressions of the players.

"The European Cup has always been a cursed trophy," a Juventus supporter, Ugo Fabbri, said on his return to Turin. "After many failures we have finally won it but now it is covered in blood."

Platini told reporters that if the two teams had not agreed to play after the riots "all hell would have broken loose".

"At the beginning of the match I had the impression we had walked onto a battlefield. Then, as the game got going, the tension eased," Platini said.

"But, afterwards in the changing room we were all seized by remorse at the thought of the people who had died and of their families. When we got to the hotel we did nothing because there was nothing to celebrate."

European newspapers last week proclaimed the game of soccer dead after 41 people were killed in Belgium.

"The day football died," Britain's "Daily Express" announced in banner headlines with graphic photographs of the dead and dying before the match between Liverpool and Juventus.

"Surveying the scenes at the Heysel Stadium last night, it is hard to resist the conclusion that the game of soccer is now dead," "The Times" of London said in an editorial.

"L'Equipe", France's daily sporting paper and one of the founders of the European Cup, said, "If this is what football has become, let it die."



LES MURRAY

In praise of Maier,

• Vedran Rozic

Who is the greatest goalkeeper of all time?

If you conducted an opinion poll, I would guess the majority would go for Lev Yashin, perhaps Gordon Banks, Ricardo Zamora, or maybe even Vladimir Beara.

But they would be only opinions, based on whom and what one has been able to see — and few, for instance, could have seen both Zamora and Banks in the one lifetime.

So we turn to the more arbitrary method of statistics — and there the best of all time turns out to be Sepp Maier, West Germany's steady custodian of the '60s and '70s.

Measuring the number of games played (for the national team) against the number of goals conceded, Maier pips Yashin by 0.1 goal a game.

Maier played 95 games for West Germany, conceding 79 goals for a match average of 0.83. The great Soviet conceded 72 goals in 78 international for 0.94 a game.

The figures, with the career span listed first, followed by games played, goals conceded and average achieved, make interesting reading.

MAIER (West Germany, 1966-70, 95, 79, 0.83); YASHIN (USSR, 1954-67, 78, 72, 0.93);

RICARDO ZAMORA (Spain, 1920-30, 47, 44, 0.94); HANS TILKOWSKI (West Germany, 1957-67, 39, 38, 0.97);

GYULA GROSICS (Hungary, 1947-1962, 84, 80, 1.06); GILMAR (Brazil, 1953-66, 88, 96, 1.09);

HANS JAKOB (Germany, 1930-39, 38, 44, 1.16); MILUTIN SOSKIC (Yugoslavia, 1959-66, 46, 56, 1.22);

SCHEREN TURGAY (Turkey, 1950-66, 50, 61, 1.22); GIAMPIERO COMBI (Italy, 1924-34, 47, 64, 1.36). Interesting that some of the recognised goalkeeping giants are not in the top ten.

Beara is in 13th place, Frantisek Planicka — the miraculous Czech — is 15th while Austria's Walter Zeman is 16th.

Dino Zoff is not in the top 17.

Frank Arok's tendency to favor older, more experienced players is well known. The withdrawal by Alex Robertson from the national squad on the eve of the current tournament amplified the need, as Arok sees it, for experienced men.

The sweeper position, and any position in the hub of the defence, as Arok points out, is one for commanding men: players with a steady influence and status vis a vis teammates.

For instance there are other fine, cultured, talented sweepers, even liberors (which Robertson is) around — like Tony Dakos or Rob Wheatley for example.

But in a national team, full of colleagues with status higher than their own, their age is a problem. Imagine a Wheatley trying to command a Kosmina, a Watson or a Soper from the back, prompting them with passes delivered where he wants them, not where they want them.

How fine it would be to have Vedran Rozic in the team. He commands by his mere presence. Even without shooting, his very passes are com-

mands, instructions to Patikas Arnold, Jurin, Odzakovic and the others on where to run and what to do.

In the sense of tactical evolution, Rozic's arrival in Australia may turn out to be an historic development in the Australian game.

His role is desperately important to Sydney Croatia's excellence. Rozic's positional play, his ability to launch once he gains possession, is as much part of Croatia's make-up as it was of Hajduk Split when he was there.

Due to our being influenced by Britain, and not by Continental Europe, the sweeper role has not been too dominant a part of Australia's club football.

Rozic is an example of how effectively Continental clubs use sweepers and if Croatia wins anything this season, other clubs — hopefully — might be tempted to copy.

The audience reaction to SBS television's recent screening of the 1960 European Cup Final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt was by far the most heart-warming experience in my years of television.

I do not boast, for it wasn't anybody at SBS who scored those goals for Puskas and Di Stefano, and executed those preocious dribbles and bursts of speed for Gento.



• Sepp Maier clowning around

But the response, overwhelming and greater than anything we have attracted in the past (including live European Cup finals), warmed the heart because it proved the high regard in which football of that era, and of that type, is held.

Frankly we expected the old timers, who had seen the match before and who have little more than contempt for the changes football has undergone since then, to respond the way they did.

But a fascinatingly high number of letters and calls came from young viewers, people of 25 and young who could never have seen it.

Many of those, I gather, may have been told about the game by their fathers or older witnesses who would have extolled the virtues of soccer of that era.

The youngsters would, I presume, have retorted with a shrug, saying these are the '80s, times have changed, and the old man has been just too slow in moving with them.

Those youngsters wrote in, praising the boots off Di Stefano, Puskas and Gento, whom they had just discovered, and humbly confessing that the old man always had been right.

I look forward to my next coffee-house argument over the philosophies of football with renewed strength.



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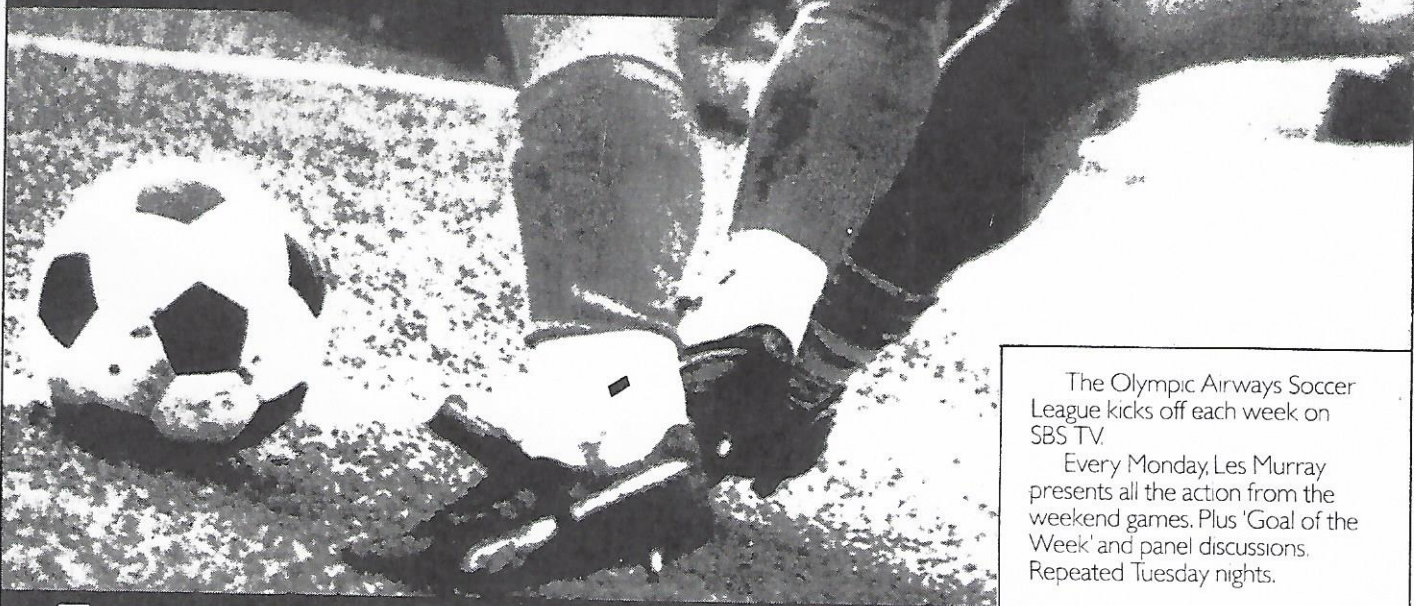
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WA Hellas 5 Brisbane Lions 3

Scorers: Price 21st, 23rd, 67th, Honeyman 38th, Scott 65th, Niven 35th, J. Stewart 80th, Wright 85th.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 3200
Referee: Sam Zoumas 8.

It's hard to get excited about the local product when you are smack-bang in the middle of the international soccer series, but here was a contest to fire the blood.

The ingredients included eight goals, a hat-trick, three penalties, six cautions, great goalkeeping from Martyn Crook and a spate of near misses.

Diminutive Gary Price got the show on the road when he scored two goals in two minutes to leave Hellas two up after only 23 minutes.

Alan Niven reduced the lead when he converted a penalty 10 minutes before half time, but Graham Honeyman restored the Hellas two-goal lead before the interval.

Lions, it seemed, were shattered by the effects of their arduous Fiji tour when most of their players represented Queensland the previous week.

Complicity seemed to

seep into the Hellas camp and Lions found new hope as first John Stewart and then Danny Wright staged a comeback with two goals in a five minute rally.

Earlier Martyn Crook confirmed his comeback form is no flash in the pan by shoving a blinding shot from Phil Redmond around the near post before saving drives from Clarke Anderson and Alan Hunter.

Referee Sam Zoumas flashed his yellow card at Wayne Evans, Tony Redmond, Alan Hunter and Russell Stewart of Lions and he also cautioned Graham Honeyman and George Konstantopoulos.

The booking on Honeyman will spill the Hellas captain's penalty points over the maximum 12 and force him into a one-match suspension.

Hellas coach Neil McGachey was pleased with the team's effort, but disappointed that it let Lions off the hook in the final stages.

Man of the match:
Garry Price
(WA Hellas)



Allan Crisp

"We are only a young team, but we will have to learn to bury our opponents when we are so far in front," McGachey said.

Lions boss Gordon Armstrong refused to use the Fiji jaunt as an excuse, but allowed himself the luxury of a wry comment — "Let's just say I hope we don't have any more trips like that."

Lions will now look confidently towards Sunday's derby with Adelaide City Juventus at the Olympic Sports Field. Westad escaped the Lions battle without major injury, although midfield strongman Mike Genikas suffered a cut above his left eye which required four stitches.

Juventus coach Edmund Krefl has a selection problem as it seems from Queensland reports that Zoran Karadzic did not fit the bill as a dynamic striker against Brisbane City last Sunday.



Peter Desira

Man of the match:
JEFF FAULKNER
(S. Geo Cross)

Melb Croatia 1 S. Geo Cross 1

Scorers: 1-0 Campbell 2nd, 1-1 Latif 33rd
Venue: Olympic Park
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8
Cautions: nil

John Gardiner has knocked this George Cross team into shape — all he wants now is to iron out the slow start the players seem to be making, and converting a bigger proportion of the chances they are creating.

"We are providing good entertainment and the pleasing thing is the effort from the players.

But we've been giving goals away in the first 10 minutes before we seem to get wound up.

And our biggest problem is putting away the chances we are creating," Gardiner said at the end of this encounter.

The point drew Cross further away from the relegation zone but Gardiner refuses to accept the safety angle at this stage.

"We still need a few more points yet. If we do get them we may even be challenging for a place in the top five.

But unless we get them we'll just be battling along waiting for Footscray to pick up.

If matches were decided on territorial advantage, George Cross would have won the match in a canter.

The side recovered from a

nightmare start, in which it conceded a goal in the first two minutes, and went through four hairy near misses in the opening 20.

But then it steadied and once it equaled in the 33rd minute there was really only one team in it but for one or two breakaways by Croatia in the second half.

What's more the two points were served up on a platter when referee Chris Bambridge awarded Cross a penalty when Jim Campbell appeared to handle an attempted lob by Ossie Latif in the 49th minute.

Latif himself took the spot-kick but his shot was a touch central and goalkeeper Mirko Runje managed to get his hands to it.

Runje came to Croatia's rescue twice more in the second half leaving his line and spreading himself well to block a shot from Jeff Faulkner after the midfielder had broken away from the halfway line.

Then he saved a shot from Carl Glider.

But the rest of the time the Cross players were their own worst enemies, hitting their final shots off target from good positions.

Ossie Latif got a good pass from Don MacLaren late in the first half but hit his shot on the turn wide of the far post.

Noel Mitten hit a fierce shot wide, following a cross from Jeff Faulkner, then Mitten again hit off target with a shot near the end.

The territorial dominance Cross enjoyed in the second half contrasted sharply with the shaky opening from the team.

Croatia hit the lead with its first shot on goal, when Jim Campbell controlled a cross and hit a shot on the turn which beat Lou Kastner all ends up.

Robert Markovac should have added to that lead in the fourth minute, breaking through on an intelligent flick from Gary Ward, but the young striker hit his shot wide.

Then Don MacLaren came to Cross' rescue clearing a header from Gary Ward off the goaline, with Kastner beaten, following a corner from Goejovic.

Markovac put the ball in the net in the 23rd minute volleying in another Goejovic cross but this time the goal was disallowed apparently for offside by Tommy Cumming.

Markovac then had another shot saved by Cross started to find its feet.

Ossie Latif centred for MacLaren whose shot was blocked on the half hour mark before Cross grabbed a good equaliser in the 33rd minute.

Mitten started the move. Faulkner helped the ball in from the right and Latif was well placed to head the ball home for his seventh goal of the season.

A shot by MacLaren slid under Runje's body soon after but trickled safely away for a corner before Parion caused further panic in the backline, striking a firm backpass past his keeper only to be rescued with a clearance off the line from Drago Deankovic.

The only real scoring chance Croatia had in the second half came from a good cross from the right by Markovac but with

the goalmouth wide-open neither Ward nor Campbell managed to connect to direct the ball home.

Despite all the misses, Cross will look on the draw as an important point gained.

Not so Croatia which had received a setback the previous week at Adelaide City and now sees its championship challenge slowly starting to fade away with another point dropped.

While Croatia was drawing with what is supposedly one of the lower sides in the competition, South Melbourne and Brunswick Juventus were strengthening their positions at the top with impressive wins.

The side regains top mid-fielder Josip Biskic who returns tomorrow (Thursday) after spending three weeks in Croatia to attend his brother's wedding.

His drive down the flanks has been sorely missed and there is very little doubt that he will immediately be recalled back into the side for Monday's fixture.

Croatia's attack may also improve once recent import Ante Ljubic finally shakes off the injury that has sidelined him since arriving in Australia.

The striker has only played half a game and injured himself a second time at training after attempting his comeback too early.

Doctors have now advised a complete rest to give him a chance to recover completely. Hopefully that will happen before Croatia's title challenge fades completely.

Hogben sent off, Sweeney kicks two

Green Gully 0 B. Juventus 2

Scorers: Sweeney 1st & 75th
Venue: Green Gully Reserve
Crowd: About 1000
Yellow cards: Hogben (GG), P. Lewis (BJ), G. Campbell (GG)
Red card: Hogben GG (47th)
Referee: M. Browning 5

After last week's defeat at the hands of Westad Hellas, Juventus was desperate for a win to keep its championship hopes alive.

It had a dream start, scoring in the first minute, and it took Green Gully 30 minutes or so to get over the shock and make a fight of it.

Fortunately, for the home team, the visitors were unable to take advantage of their early good fortune, and Juve had to wait until the 75th minute to increase its lead and seal the game.

In the intervening period both teams had chances but on the day the Juventus defence looked much safer.

Stuart Cannell and Steve McLelland did well, but full-backs Andrew Young and David Hogben and sweeper Jim Williams played below par.

Even reliable keeper Lou Denys looked uncertain at times, particularly in the 12th minute when he dropped an easy ball with Joe Sweeney lurking nearby.

The ball was scrambled clear on this occasion but Lou was not so lucky in the 75th, when he ran under Robert Cullen's cross, allowing Joe Sweeney to rise high to score his second goal with a looping header.

Dave Hogben, sent off in the 47th minute after a foul on Peter Lewis, had been given the yellow card in the fourth minute for what appeared to be a minor indiscretion.

It seemed that the two yellow cards somehow did not add up to a red card.

Be that as it may, credit must be given to Green Gully for its effort and for the way in which it was reduced to 10 men it did not give up and although never

Man of the match:
Joe Sweeney
(B. Juventus)



Ken Kontra

finding its rhythm, it fought to the end.

South Australian referee, Mr Browning, did not have a particularly good game. He had difficulty in keeping up with the play, whistled far too frequently and some of his decisions were rather confusing.

At any rate, he did not influence the outcome of the game — Joe Sweeney did!

Soon after kick-off, Juve surged forward and Jim Williams, under pressure attempted to clear the ball first time.

The clearance was intercepted by Joe Sweeney, some 25 metres from goal.

Sweeney unleashed a powerful shot which never rose more than 2 inches off the ground and beat the outstretched fingers of the desperately diving Lou Denys.

Some goal!

A few minutes later, Gully had to defend desperately, blocking no fewer than five shots, before finally scrambling the ball clear.

After this Gully settled down and held its own for the remainder of the half.

The early departure of Hogben was immediately followed by the best chance Gully had of an equaliser.

Paul Lewis released Claude Lucchesi on the right, but he hurried his shot and missed the target from 10 metres at a slight angle.

A minute later, Zinni did the same following Eddie Campbell's free kick. Zinni also missed a sitter in the 65th minute, shooting well wide when put through by Brian Brown.

Joe Sweeney's 75th minute goal was followed by some spirited Gully attacks, and Yakka Banovic had to save shots from Ken Smart and George Campbell.



Ricky Rosso

Man of the match:
KIM WISHART
(Brisbane City)

**Bris City 2
Adel City 1**

Scorers: Scriggins 44th, Mullen 45th, Bromfield 61st.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: 1681.

Cautions: Wilkinson (BC), Mengotti (BC), Northcote (AC), Santrac (AC).

Referee: Alan Kibbler 8.

Brisbane City's Queensland team Fiji tourists, Kim Wishart and Garry Bromfield, were the stars of a 2-1 win over Adelaide City at Spencer Park.

A penalty save from Wishart capped a brilliant performance while fullback Bromfield, who played as a striker on tour and scored four goals in three games, continued his good form and netted the winner after being pushed forward at halftime.

And while Wishart was the Brisbane City hero after making the penalty save and at least six other crucial stops he was hardly the most popular player in the Adelaide City dressing room.

The Adelaide players claimed Wishart had moved early to save Sergio Melta's well struck penalty.

Referee Alan Kibbler was soundly criticised by Adelaide coach Edmund Krefl, but the match officials stood by the decision not to have the kick retaken.

But rather than look for excuses the Adelaide players should have examined their own performances and chances they missed.

Brian Northcote and Charlie

Brilliant performance by Brisbane goalie



• KIM WISHART ... starred for Brisbane.

break, after a Lee Scriggins goal and a Joe Mullen header — the decision to push Bromfield forward paid dividends 16 minutes in the second half.

But Alan Reis did all the work. He broke down the left and brilliantly turned two defenders to give him enough space to curl a cross to the far post. There waiting for a simple header at the far post was Bromfield.

The pair combined again shortly after with the roles reversed and Reis put a header just wide but the combination suggested that they could develop into a dangerous duo up front for City.

The strong running Bromfield definitely looms as a much better proposition than Brazilian Roberto Lettieri, who sadly only shows interest in playing when things go his way.

Lettieri was taken off at halftime to save Bromfield go forward and new signing Glen Archer made his NSL debut at leftback.

The youngster settled in well and the combination which walked off the field looks to be City's best at this stage.

The Brisbane side began poorly, as has become their habit, and Adelaide City with Steve Maxwell running freely and dangerously, were unlucky not to score.

Villani hit a shot on the turn which was blocked by Wishart in a reflex save.

But the best opportunity to open the scoring fell for Brisbane.

Adelaide City's Lee Scriggins, with an open goal at his mercy he put his shot over the top.

The youngster made amends five minutes later when he ran directly at the suspect Adelaide defence and planted a shot past Willie McNally.

The Brisbane side looked set to go into the dressing rooms one up but a lack of concentration allowed the visitors to equal things.

From a corner, resulting after a powerful Melta shot had been tipped over, Joe Mullen was able to rise up unchallenged at the near post and angle a header into the net.

During the match Kibbler handed out four yellow cards in a game which was hardly violent. Two were for deliberate handballs by City defenders after the Brisbane backline had been caught flat and wanting for speed.

The other two went to Adelaide City for a deliberate trip, and dissent after the penalty.

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Man of the match:
LUKA BONACIC
(J.U.S.T.)



Craig Mackenzie

J.U.S.T. 3 Heidelberg 3

Scorers: Paton 5th, Kodjo 9th, Tapai 30th (JUST); Tasios 16th, Stevenson 55th, Selemidis 61st (Heid).

Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: about 1,500.

Cautions: Macleod, Tapai, Belic, Barjaktarevic (JUST); Patterson (Heid).

Referee: Stuart Mellings 4.

Luka Bonacic and Jadranko Kodjo may not be able to save struggling Footscray JUST from relegation but had they been at the club at the start of the season, along with Don



• **Luka Bonacic**

WHAT A GOAL, DOUGIE



Laurie Schwab

Man of the match:
CHARLIE EGAN
(SM-Hellas)

SM-Hellas 3 Makedonia 0

Scorers: Brown 16th & 73rd, Egan 42nd.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 2000.
Referee: Fokianos 7.

Doug Brown scored what must rate as the goal of the year as Hellas beat Makedonia at Middle Park to stay on top of the Southern Division.

Brown, who already had scored Hellas's first goal, fell backwards with an overhead kick as he met a cross from Oscar Crino in the 73rd minute of play.

He had opened the scoring with a brilliant Brazilian-style swerving free kick in the 16th minute, giving him his 60th goal in National League Soccer.

The other Hellas goal was scored by Charlie Egan, who took full advantage of a bad slip-up by Gordon Flavel in racing around goalkeeper Richard Wilson and slotting his shot into the empty net.

Wilson, who had been in dispute with Makedonia, surprised



The new-look Footscray JUST, from left, standing: Joe Carroll, Luka Bonacic, Vlatko Belic, Branko Buljevic, Dennis Boland, Don Macleod, Rade Barjaktarevic, Joe Savona (masseur). Front: Tom Karic, Ernie Tapai, Jamie Paton, Zdravko Lujic, Jadranko Kodjo, Ariel Perez-Reigosa. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Macleod, Branko Buljevic, a fit Jamie Paton, and a settled Dennis Boland, then things would have been so very, very different.

JUST could so easily have won this match. Yet, Steve Tasios had a great chance in the final minute to steal two points for Heidelberg.

As a spectacle, it was great, and it must have been one of the most entertaining clashes at Schintler Reserve all year.

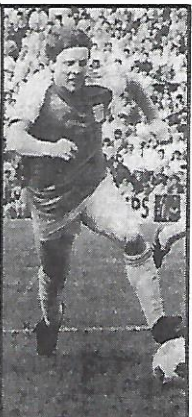
Bonacic and Kodjo were making their debuts. Bonacic, here for six weeks as a guest player, had scored with his Yugoslav club Neretva, a week before joining JUST. Kodjo had done likewise, with Obilisc. Milenko Kikovic, who was supposed to be JUST's third import against Heidelberg, didn't arrive and JUST officials have phoned Yugoslavia to try to find out why Kikovic didn't board the plane in Belgrade.

The big thing about Bonacic and Kodjo is that not only can they play, they can handle the physical aspects of the game too. The same certainly can't be said about other JUST imports in recent times.

Bonacic's first touch was short, to Kodjo. Bonacic got the return then played a delightfully chipped ball to Zdravko Lujic on the left.

JUST fans, and there are mighty few left on the terraces these days, muttered their approval.

The JUST scored in the 5th minute, the sort of start it badly needed.



Doug Brown

ingly was back in the team at the expense of Philip Traianes.

Makedonia degenerated in defence where Egan in particular found as much room as he wanted to set up attacking moves.

The goal, his 11th of the season, kept him on top of the NSL goalscorers' list.

Makedonia is trying to strengthen its team by importing Mile Micevski from Yugoslav club Vardar Skopje and Petar Nicovski from Pelister.

Hellas would have won by a greater margin but Brown hit the bar with a free kick and also sent a promising volley over the top after a cross by Carl Halford.

A goal by Ken Murphy after Wilson had spilled the ball in the 50th minute was disallowed by referee Jim Fokianos.

Bonacic, Kodjo breathe life into J.U.S.T.

Kodjo played the ball to Ernie Tapai, whose cross to the near post missed the heads of Lujic and Ian McKie. Paton nipped in and as the ball bounced up, he glanced his header past Jeff Oliver.

Four minutes later, JUST fans were roaring their approval and it was the Bonacic-Kodjo combination which warmed their hearts. Bonacic took a free kick, playing the ball square into Kodjo's path, and Kodjo let fly with a tremendous drive which sent the ball whistling into the top far corner.

Heidelberg had hardly had a smell of the ball in midfield but that soon changed and when Don Macleod failed to cut out a ball played into the JUST area, allowing Tasios to toe-poke it past Boland in the 16th minute, Heidelberg fans found their voices.

Macleod probably was firing up for this clash against his old club. He looked shaky only twice in the first half and what a tremendous second half display he put on, winning the ball either in the air or on the ground, with both fine judgment and aggression.

In the 28th minute, Scott Patterson thought he'd equalised, Mike Valentine tried to curl a free kick toward the far post. The ball was deflected to Patterson whose fine low drive beat Boland but referee Stuart Mellings chalked it off for offside.

Two minutes later, JUST was 3-1 up.

Lujic cut the ball back from the left and Tapai turned and shot from just inside the area. The ball was deflected past Oliver who was wrong footed.

Steve Marley had been hurt a few minutes earlier and he finally came off. On went Steve Wine to partner Stuart Stevenson up front and Theo Selemidis dropped back into midfield with Valentine taking over the left back spot vacated by Marley.

One of the finest moves of the match came in the 36th minute. Kodjo and Tapai played a one-two wide on the right. Tapai crossed and Lujic's dummy set up Paton who had seen that Oliver was off his line but Paton's first-time try went well over.

Four minutes from half time, Selemidis rose high and got onto the end of a Valentine corner but couldn't direct his header well enough.

A minute into the second half, Kodjo played the ball forward to Paton whose shot on the turn forced Oliver to get down well and hold at the near post.

Tasios crossed in the 50th minute. Selemidis rose high and shielded superbly under pressure from Vlatko Belic, turned and shot only to be denied by those renowned Boland reflexes.

It took Stevenson three tries to finally beat Boland and make it 3-2 in the 55th minute.

Winn's cross from the left struck Tom Karic. The ball lobbed up toward the near post but Boland clipped above Stevenson and punched clear. From the resultant corner, Stevenson had a free header from four metres. He headed firmly but Boland reacted in a flash to tip the ball over for another corner. But there was no stopping Stevenson this time. The corner was played short then the ball was driven low into the JUST goal. It should have been cleared. Instead, the ball fell to Stevenson.

whose firm drive went in off the near post.

Three minutes later, Heidelberg's comeback was completed when Selemidis headed in from a Valentine free kick to the far post.

But JUST didn't lie down. There are a few guys in its side now who won't let that happen.

In the 68th minute, Rodovan Barjaktarevic played the ball forward to Kodjo, who kept it going down the left with a pass that found Lujic in space. Lujic played the ball into the Heidelberg area to Paton who had made a superbly timed run toward the near post but McKie blocked Paton's first-time attempt.

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• **Steve Tasios, nose bleeding.**

Tuiwala starts with victory



Peter Windsor

Inter-Monaro 2 Blacktown 1

Scorers: Willox (Int) 45th & 68th, McKie (B) 90th.
Venue: Seiffert Oval.
Crowd: 640.
Referee: Neil Murray 7.

NSL battler Inter-Monaro made it two giant-killing performances in a week when it outplayed third-placed Blacktown at Seiffert Oval.

The previous weekend, Monaro had toppled its great rival, Canberra Olympians, by the same margin.

Surprisingly, considering its high ranking, Blacktown looked devoid of ideas up front and once Monaro's midfield clicked at the halfway stage of the first half, Blacktown's defence was broken with monotonous regularity.

There is no doubt that the influx of experience into Monaro's back-line and midfield has paid handsome rewards.

Ex-Marconi player Ricki Budini is in brilliant form as is Attilio Carbone and newcomer Mike Tuiwala.

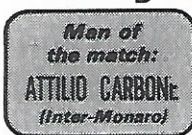
Tuiwala, one of a number of Fijians imported by ACT First Division club, Juventus, in the late 1970s, partnered Harry Williams at full back and played superbly.

Short but built in the Rugby League mould, Tuiwala will probably soon rate one of the most determined and aggressive tacklers in the NSL.

But the difference was Monaro's midfield trio of Billy Wilcox, Angelo Ambrosio and Attilio Carbone.

For 25 minutes Monaro defended, or more correctly played the game defensively, for even then Blacktown's attack rarely created chances. But once the midfield clicked it paved the way for Monaro's victory.

And it was Willox who netted both of his team's goals.



Man of the match:
ATTILIO CARBONE
(Inter-Monaro)

lock came right on the half-time whistle.

Hardworking front-runner Chris Thammidis took a corner, found Carbone, got the ball a second time and lifted a free cross which Willox headed in via the far post.

Just two minutes earlier Blacktown's goalkeeper Barry Hoare had shown great ability in first smothering a shot from Giampaolo and then making an incredible reflex save to deny Carbone.

The second half was all Monaro and had Giampaolo been more on his game Monaro could have been four or five in front.

Monaro stretched its lead to 2-0 in the 68th minute after fine lead-up work by Thammidis who fed Giampaolo on the left flank and the striker jinked his way to the dead ball line before squaring a centre into a sea of red-and-black shirted Blacktown defenders.

Incredibly, Willox flung himself between two defenders and his header beat Hoare to sneak into the left hand side of the net.

As I said earlier, Monaro made many other chances and finally it was only stupidity by Monaro's goalkeeper, Steve Roszowski, which allowed Blacktown back into the game.

Referee Neil Murray penalised Roszowski for time-wasting in the 86th minute.

It brought an indirect free-kick. It was taken by front-runner John Bradley and with Roszowski taken by surprise, it rapped the crossbar, rebounded and John McKie was on hand to scramble it into the net from close range.

Minutes later Stuart Selva's shot was well saved by Roszowski but anything other than a Monaro victory would have been a travesty of justice.

"The boys took time to settle. Initially they were somewhat overawed," said coach Frank Macfarlane.

"But once we settled down we were the better team. Blacktown just couldn't seem to get started."

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Piel in the mould of Stiles and Charlton

Fairy Meadow is the surprise packet of the 1985 NSW State League! After nine rounds, Meadow is sitting equal second with Avala and has a game in hand which could quite conceivably put this enthusiastic outfit within a point of leaders, Melita Eagles.

Led by Glen Fontana, this team from the South Coast looks set to do damage to more reputable sides. With a draw against Melita and a win against Avala so far, the team is set to put in a very serious challenge for the title and should Meadow succeed, then all is not lost for the South Coast in the National League (just in case Wollongong Wolves are relegated).

Fairy Meadow now has beaten Rockdale, Manly and Avala at Corimal. Should Sutherland fall tonight (Wednesday), then the title chase will be given a real shake by the side which, incidentally, is sponsored by the Fraternity, the same club which sponsors the local Wollongong City team!

Fairy Meadow 1 Avala 0

Venue: Memorial Park, Corimal
Score: Phil Mowbray 65th.

Another scalp fell at Corimal Park and there seems no end in sight for the troubles that Sydney sides will experience at the hands of this South Coast outfit.

"We don't need big men to do our battles for us," said an elated Meadow supporter following yet another victory at Corimal. He was making a reference to livewire Richard Piel playing in midfield for the locals.

With the work rate of Nobby Stiles and the sharpness of Bobby Charlton, this youngster tears around Memorial Park chasing everything. And he is also a very stylish player. His contribution in this match was immense and his midfield team mates followed suit such as Phil Mowbray not only with his goal which decided the issue, but also with steady and considered disposal.

Gerald and Richardson helped destroy what was left of Avala's midfield and that was the ball game.

Fairy Meadow has now played 360 minutes of football at Corimal and conceded one goal while scoring EIGHT! It will be interesting to see Meadow play against Sutherland in a game which could be just the test for the South-easterners in their bid for higher honors.

Glen Fontana played reasonably well against his old club, while Glen Jeffery shows no signs of recovery and has performed poorly. Wayne Cootes and Ray Carney carried the flag for Avala while Hector Martinez did not last long and was replaced towards the end of the match.

Ku-Ring-Gai 1 Narrabeen 0

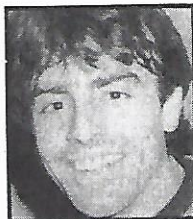
Venue: Parklands
Score: Mark Nile 9th.

Ku-Ring-Gai secured its position in the top four after defeating Narrabeen at Parklands but its form did little to suggest that the club will keep this spot. In fact Ku-Ring-Gai had to fight long and hard during the second period to keep Narrabeen at bay.

Mark Nile scored Ku-Ring-Gai's only goal soon after the start of the match. Brian Eilam took possession just inside his own half then sent a good through ball for Nile who chased hard. He managed to get to the ball before the keeper then lob it over the keeper's head before running around to slot it home.

Narrabeen came at Ku-Ring-Gai hard and fast during the second period but failed miserably in front of goal. Lacey worked hard to keep Allan Dean's header away.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



Nick Papas
(Avala)

then repeated the effort shortly afterwards when David Watt rose high to head goalwards. Simon Hodgson did manage to beat Lacey with a header but Terry Bertram was on the line to clear.

Manly 4 Polonia 2

Venue: Cromer Park
Score: Leah 4th, Campbell 44th, 75th, Murray 85th, Janic 15th, Pop 60th.

Goals galore at Cromer Park and for once a hint of a smile from Richard Alagich. Manly has found its scoring touch and had it not been for two goalposts in the way then it would have been six.

Dudley Fox, the explosive forward from Manly who has missed more than his share of chances this year, hit the post

twice in this match. Had he scored from all the available opportunities then he would be the leading scorer in the League.

He does not lack confidence and his ability to hit the net is as good as ever, but the breaks just aren't going his way.

Still, one could not grumble after such a fine win. Steve Leak opened the scoring in the 4th minute with a well placed header, but Stefan Janic replied some 10 minutes later after a misdirected clearance by Jeff Barker fell at the feet of Polonia's youngster Janic.

Leak a few steps then hit a hard drive which rebounded off the far post and into the net.

On the stroke of half time, Jimmy Campbell turned the tide with a well placed shot which Anderson failed to keep out and Manly led at the break.

Andrej Pop surprised Manly with an equaliser 15 minutes into the second half and the contest was on again.

Polonia certainly gave a very good performance and the two late goals which sunk it in no way reflected on its display.

Campbell was on hand to pick up a bad clearance by a Polonia defender and beat Anderson with only 10 minutes to go, then with five minutes left, it was time for Willie Murray to strike.

He hasn't played that well since his move from Sydney

City Hakoah and was on the bench for 75 minutes. Once on the Park, he was eager to prove himself. He took possession in the middle of the Park then ran 40 metres, beating two players on the way, before slotting his shot wide of the keeper.

Rockdale 1 Melita 1

Venue: Hurstville Oval
Score: Allan 36th, Papas 76th.

This was a dour struggle for points at Hurstville Oval. Rockdale Ilinden had all the play and the chances during the first period but fell behind to a soft goal by Allan in the 36th. McPherson lobbed his free kick into the penalty area. Kotzohambos dropped the ball and Allan was on hand to tap it in.

In the second half, Melita played with more confidence and poise with Farrugia and Wilson playing very well indeed, but this time it was Rockdale Ilinden which struck to take one point.

Glancing through the chances the two sides had in this match, Rockdale Ilinden had far more and deserved to win; but overall coach Atti Abanyi could not complain with his first-up effort in State League against the League leaders.

Ilinden is slowly getting back to its best and with rumors that Jones and Karanfilovski could be back soon, then Ilinden is still in with a chance. It is a shame that the club is having problems with its young star Kenny Slavski.

It is alleged that the youngster went to the wedding of one of his mates two weeks ago,

then failed to appear for the match last weekend. The club has responded with a fine which Slavski refuses to pay!

Canterbury 2 Sutherland 1

Venue: Arlington
Score: Anagnostopoulos 54th, Gray 58th, Dounis 78th.

This was the best State League match I have seen this year. Both coaches were adamant before this match that they could be better than they have so far.

At times, Carlos Ortega and particularly Nello Borges played fine football with Borges being very dangerous indeed.

On the other hand, Sutherland replied with its own brand of hard and fast football which had Canterbury back-peddling for almost all of the first half and the best part of the second half. But when it came to scoring, Canterbury was one goal better off.

Borges made his way down the left flank in the 54th but was brought down by Burrows. The free kick by Hantzis was brilliantly headed home by John Anagnostopoulos to give Canterbury a welcome but unexpected lead.

Sutherland fought back to draw level with an amazing shot by Brian Gray. He beat three Sutherland players on the right flank before unleashing a left foot drive which rocketed past Hummel and into the roof of the net.

Sutherland pressed hard for a winner and came close but not close enough.

Canterbury finished with the best goal of the game. Ortega found Kirwan with a precise

pass and Kirwan took an overhead kick to cross the ball into the area for Louis Dounis to slam a first time low drive past the keeper.

Bonacic, Kodjo

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In the 68th minute, Lujic combined well with Branko Buljevic, who got forward more after half time. Buljevic was tackled just outside the area and the ball ran to Lujic who was through. Oliver charged off his line and Lujic's shot beat both the Heidelberg goalkeeper and the far post.

A minute later, superb control by Paton certainly would have been rewarded had Oliver not been the class goalkeeper that he is. Buljevic lobbed the ball in from the left to Paton who was flanked by Joe Angele and Charlie Yankos. Paton dragged the ball down superbly and volleyed crisply but Oliver started in style.

As the game wore on, JUST started to run out of legs. Tasios had run at opponents a lot more in the second half and one wondered whether JUST would hold on.

But hold on it did, thanks to Boland.

In the last minute, Tasios and Patterson played an excellent one-two that sent Tasios through. Tasios was only eight metres out but Boland saved the day by parrying the shot for a corner.

Fairy Meadow, Sutherland get their chance

Fairy Meadow and/or Sutherland could rise to prominence following this weekend's fixtures. The two sides meet midweek at Corimal, then Meadow will be guesting at Mona Park, while Sutherland will entertain Bankstown at Seymour Shaw.

Meadow and Sutherland could well draw their match at Corimal and both sides are favoured to win this Sunday's matches.

I fancy Sutherland to hold Fairy Meadow at Corimal with the return of Vic Dalfrino to the side. The fire of Jimmy Webber and the speed of Craig Hall could worry the home side.

This Sunday, Meadow will be at Mona Park to play Uruguay. If the recent form of the team from the South Coast is any indication, then the points will slide down south, while Uruguay still faces an uphill battle to get its South American contingent of players into the side.

Sutherland will be at Seymour Shaw against battling Bankstown. Last year Sutherland made a clean sweep of the two encounters winning 2-0 at Seymour and at Bankstown. And while most believe that Bankstown was very unlucky not to collect a few points this season I feel that this is not going to be the time for Bankstown to start a revival.

Polonia will tackle Ku-Ring-Gai in a do-or-die match at Chopin Park. Chiko Vojnovic's Polonia's coach, is slowly but surely losing some of his hair in attempts to find a winning formula. The side, patched up with a number of rejects from other teams, can surprise Ku-Ring-Gai. With an ounce of extra effort, Polonia could still make its way out of the dreaded relegation zone.

Players such as Sobczyk, Dennis Colluso or Andrej Pop



with PETER KATHOLOS

Stiffer fines the answer?

The tragedy in Brussels last week sent chills down the spines of millions of soccer lovers around the world. What a sight it was — people dying right in front of your eyes. It was sickening.

The decision by the Belgian government and football association to ban all English clubs from playing in Belgium is just the start. Other countries are petrified when English clubs head their way and these countries are bound to follow suit.

So, what's the answer? Stiffer fines? Jail sentences? More police? Better crowd control and ticket allocation?

Goodness knows. But last year, when I was in Greece, an English club was coming to play a Greek team and the Greek authorities really were worried about the threat of violence.

So the authorities took out full-page advertisements in newspapers and went on TV to warn Greek soccer fans that should any violence occur involving them in any way, there would be huge fines imposed. And the authorities made it clear that the local police would be out in force. The result? No trouble whatsoever.

Walker, Griffiths, Farrugia and Allan might have too many guns for Canterbury despite the fact that Blanco kicked the weak spots in Melita's armoury.

Last but not least, is the opening game of the round, to be played this Saturday at Kook's Park between Avala and Manly Warringah.

Manly has struggled this year and its fate will depend largely on its ability to subdue Avala. Manly needs both points to be in with a chance. Avala, of course, is yet to lose a game at Knights Park in 1985.

Avala is playing with little if no adventure at all. A point is always welcome and if an opponent is to make an error then the tri-colours are in for both points. However, the biggest problem for Avala is the form of striker Glen Jeffery. He has failed to fire and much will depend on Ray Carney and Anderson to worry Manly.

A draw looks the most likely result here. This week's games:

SATURDAY
AVALA v. MANLY WARRINGAH (Knights Park); POLONIA v. KURINGAI (Chopin Park); URUGUAY v. FAIRY MEADOW (Mona Park); NARRABEEN v. ILINDEN (Narrabeen); MELITA v.

Player union just isn't on

Okay, so Preston Makedonia and New Zealand goalkeeper Richard Wilson is quite right in trying to form a players' union in Australia and it certainly is long overdue, but my information is that there is no way that such a union can be formed.

I've been told that to form a union you need to have members whose livelihood depends on their particular profession and that certainly isn't the case with the vast majority of Australian players.

You can form an association, which surely won't have the teeth that a union would have.

It's a real pity, for players need something to combat crazy transfer fees and to back them up in disputes with their clubs.

But, let's back Richard Wilson and form a players' association and see if we can at least get a fair hearing when it comes to sorting out our problems with clubs or federations.

Injuries cripple Olympic stars

Sydney Olympic's first half of the season must be just about the unluckiest in the club's history.

Never before has Olympic been struck down with so many injuries, suspensions and disputes and, as a result we've lost six matches in a row. We've lost four out of 28 games last year!

The injuries have been hardest to take, and what an amazingly bad run the club's had.

It started with Peter Raskopoulos who returned from the Soccerex world tour with a broken ankle. Peter Dakos was next. He required a knee operation. Then it was Graham Jennings' turn. He had a knee trouble. Nick Tsiakopoulos broke his leg, then I needed a knee operation. Alex Lambropoulos suffered a broken nose and finally, Mark Koussas had problems with an injured knee.

Incidentally, two of our reserves have had cartilage operations this year!

Coach Manfred Schaefer hasn't been able to field the same side two weeks running as his squad was so bare.

Glasgow Celtic and Scotland star David Provan has come to the rescue as a guest player for six weeks. I watched him in action in his first game the other week and he'll be a great help to us. He's a really top player. He's very gifted on the ball. He times his runs forward to perfection.

Another newcomer is David Ogun from Hong Kong, the former Sheffield Wednesday player. He's a fine team man and he'll certainly strengthen our squad.

And we've signed Andy Stankovic, a strong central defender from the northern NSW State League.

The biggest recent news is that Iraklis star, Lakis Papaioannou, is heading our way soon for a stint as a guest player. He should be a great help to us. He's a really top player. He's very gifted on the ball. He times his runs forward to perfection.

So, maybe by the end of the season we'll have erased the memory of the bad luck that's plagued us so far.

Skypack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MELITA EAGLES	6	3	0	21	5	15
FAIRY MEADOW	4	4	1	14	6	12
FAIRY MEADOW	5	2	1	12	5	12
KU-RING-GAI	4	3	1	11	6	11
Canterbury	3	3	1	17	16	9
Sutherland	3	2	2	12	8	8
Manly Warr	3	2	2	10	8	8
Rock Ilinden	2	4	2	9	9	8
Uruguay	1	3	3	6	11	5
Narrabeen	1	1	5	2	14	3
Polonia	0	1	6	4	18	1
Bankstown Nat	0	0	6	1	13	0

FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Mowbray 65th) AVALA at Corimal

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 7 — Chilly 7, Jones 7, Berringer 8, Morland 8 — Piel 9, Mowbray 8, Gerald 8, Richardson 8 — Bakar 6, Fontana 6.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Jordan 7, Lembrink 7, Dobson 7, Diveni 6 — Lucchesia 6, Attagic 6, Cootes 8 (Tracy 85th), Carney 8, Jeffery 5, Martinez 5 (Anderson 85th).

KURINGAI 1 (Nile 9th) NARRABEEN 0 at Parklands
KARINGAI: Lacey 8 — Keven 8, Bertram 6, Watson 7, Golds-worthy 6 — Sutherland 6, Guigley 7, Eilam 8, Bennett 5 — Nile 6, Hunter 6 (75th McKegan).

NARRABEEN: P. Dean 6 — Hanaley 7, Collings 8, Hodgson 7, Friend 6 — Sarge 7, Jones 7, Gale 8, A. Dean 7 — Watt 8, Sandtner 6 (7th Van Heiden).

MANLY WARRINGAH 4 (Leak 4th, Campbell 44th, 75th, Murray 85th) POLONIA 2 (Janic 15th, Pop 60th) at Cromer Park

MANLY: Barker 7, Pagano 6, J. Barker 6, J. Dick 8, Foy 7 (45th Pearce 8) — Gabriel 6, Stevens 7, Campbell 9 — Stuart 6 (Murray 7th), Leak 8, Fox 7.

POLONIA: Anderson 8 — Mahamah 7, Brown 6, Felton 6, Colluso 6 — Sobczyk 8, Kodor 8, D. Colluso 6 — Chou 6, Pop 8, Janic 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Papas 76th) MELITA 1 (Allan 36th) at Hurstville.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7, Blackburn 6, Pilowski 7, Forester 7, G. Wilson 9 — Nastevski 7, D. Wilson 7, Papas 8 — Risteovski 6 (Bootes 80th), Brown 5, Trajanovski 6.

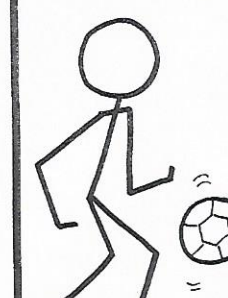
MELITA: Mullin 7 — McPherson 7 (O'Rourke 75th), McCoy 7, Wilson 8, McHusland 7 — Davies 6, Farrugia 8, Laing 6 — Walker 6, Allan 6, Griffiths 7.

CANTERBURY 2 (Anagnostopoulos 54th, Dounis 78th) SUTHERLAND 1 (Gray 58th) at Arlington.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 8 — Karasipos 6, Radman 7, Pena 6, Hantzis 8 — Ortega 8, Anagnostopoulos 7, Bastfield 7, Borges 8 — Silva 5 (Kirwan 58th), Dounis 6.

SUTHERLAND: Burroughs 7 — Nelson 7, Terry 8, Burrows 7, Hesford 6 — Webber 7, Groom 7, Harrington 8, Rogers 5 (Laronde 66th), Beggs 7, Gray 7.

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'74 Copa Brasil Vasco's greatest claim to fame

By PAUL MOON

Rio de Janeiro can, with considerable justification, claim to be the hub of the soccer-playing world.

The Maracana Stadium is still the game's greatest monument; the Copacabana beach championships are a unique spectacle of mass participation; no city has produced a greater amount of truly world class players; nowhere else are the fans more fanatical and knowledgeable; and only London boasts a larger number of full-time professional clubs than Rio's six.

Among Rio's half dozen major clubs, Flamengo — indisputably the most popular — being "The People's Team"; receiving im-

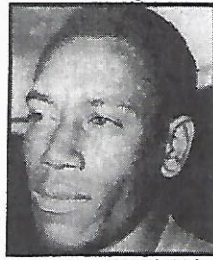
mense support from the masses and Fluminense attracts following largely from the affluent middle class.

Like Flamengo, enthusiasts of Vasco da Gama, Rio's "Third Club", can be found widely distributed, but ethnic Portuguese form the hard core of its support.

Luzitania members then turned to the Vasco da Gama Sailing Club (formed in 1888 and named after the famous Portuguese navigator), organised a football section and, under its banner, joined the Rio Third Division in 1915.

The first Rio championship success came in 1923 and when Brazil travelled to the initial World Cup tournament at Montevideo seven years later, it included three Vasco players in its party.

After gaining its third Rio championship success in 1929 (having shared the 1924 title with



• Leonidas, 1938 World Cup top scorer with eight goals. Fluminense, Vasco had to wait until 1945 for another triumph. This heralded what is called "The Golden Era". Between 1945 and

1952, it was Rio champion five times.

Little wonder then that Brazil based its 1950 World Cup team upon Vasco. Five of its players lined up against Uruguay in the final at the Maracana — a game which the home team merely needed to draw to become World Champion. But it lost 2-1, and cast a nation into long and bitter mourning.

The club also was well represented within that superb Brazilian combination of 1958 which crushed Sweden 5-2 in a scintillating final. Captain Luiz Bellini, defender Orlando and striker Vava, who also won a winners' medal four years later, all were Vasco men.

1958 provided another milestone when Vasco won its first National Championship. At that time, the competition was confined solely to the leading teams of Rio and Sao Paulo.

In 1966, it shared the title with Corinthians, Santos and Botafogo, but its success in winning the 1974 title outright (three seasons after the Championship, or "Copa Brasil" as it was now known, became a truly nationwide event), must be regarded as the finest achievement to date.

The last moment of glory came in 1982, when 122,481 fans paid record receipts of US\$380,000 to see Vasco beat Flamengo 1-0 in the Rio Championship decider. This was its 15th title (compared with Fluminense's 26, Flamengo's 20 and the seven for Botafogo).

By becoming a finalist in the national tournament, however, Vasco gained entry into the 1985 Libertadores Cup and will be using its Australian tour as preparation towards forthcoming first round encounters with Argentina's Argentinos Juniors, FC Oeste and old rival Fluminense.



• Ademir (right), top scorer of the 1950 World Cup, in action against Spain.

Crino, Odzakov click

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Vasco Da Gama 1
Australia 0

Scorer: Roberto Dinamite 17th.
Venue: SCG
Crowd: 14,003 (double header).
Cautions: Kosmina (Aust), Vitor (V).
Referee: Peter Rampley 7.

Defeat overshadowed the emergence of the Oscar Crino - Zarko Odzakov central midfield pairing, which turned out to be Australia's strongest suit. Jim Patikas, who came in along with Odzakov as the two changes to the team that had beaten Spurs, also proved a success and, in fact, worried the Vasco defence more than anyone else.

But 17th-minute goal by Roberto Dinamite allowed Vasco to sit back, soak up the pressure and play on the break. Strange that, for in the past Australia played that way.

This time, Australia was in possession 80 per cent of the time. The Brazilians, however, always appeared confident in their ability to close down space, prevent Australia from shooting, and win the ball back in defence.

Vasco coach Edu, asked whether his team usually plays better at home, said that without five of its stars, who had stayed behind for one reason or another, it had been enough for Vasco to get the result.

Among those who did not make the trip

Man of the match:
OSCAR CRINO
(Australia)

are Edevaldo, Ailton, Marcelo and Geovani who, however, was expected to arrive on Monday.

To anyone who had expected Vasco to overwhelm Australia, Socceroo coach Frank Arok said: "We can compete with anyone in skill and tactics, so there is no chance that anyone will give us a hiding. We do not give them the necessary freedom. This is not the 1960s. We are capable of cutting anyone down to size."

"Of course I'm worried that we could not finish, but Vasco is a well organised team and they defended like someone desperate for a result. Still, Farina and Soper and Murphy were all very unlucky not to score."

Edu, asked whether any Australian players had impressed him particularly, said: "I don't want to single out anyone. I was however impressed by your tactics and I consider the team to be a very good one."

On the bus on the way to the SCG, Arok had commented: "It reminds me of taking out a girl for the first time when I was young. She is so beautiful, but you don't know if she's in favor of anything!"

It was a valid enough comment because Arok had not previously plotted against a Brazilian team. On the other hand, though,

he had seen Vasco draw 1-1 with Udinese, and he had come up with a plan to counter Vasco on the flanks, by using a four — man midfield, and cutting his defence down from five to four.

It was a change partly forced on him, because David Ratcliffe — "the best policeman in the side" — was injured.

As it turned out, everything worked fine, but that solitary goal meant Australia's A team suffered only its second loss against a visiting club since Arok took over as coach. The other loss was against Iraklis in Adelaide last year.

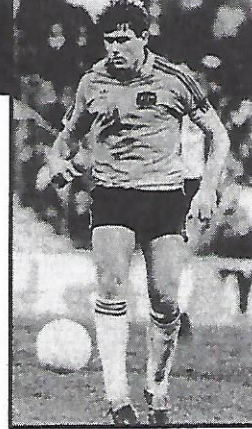
Australia had played against only two other Latin American teams at senior level, drawing 2-2 with Santos in 1972, losing 0-3 to Mexico in 1970 and drawing 2-2 and 1-1 with Mexico in 1980.

From the start of play, Vasco simply dropped back when it didn't have the ball, allowing Australia to play. The challenge was: Get past us if you can.

The temptation was to push too many men forward and leave gaps at the back. So it was in the 17th minute, when Romulo played a long ball out of defence. It went over the head of Steve O'Connor and with no other defenders on hand, Roberto Dinamite ran onto the ball and belted it past Terry Greedy.

Australia then set about its task of getting back into the game. Oscar Crino sprayed the ball around with great precision, Odzakov and Patikas played some promising one-two's. Ken Murphy contributed a lot of aggression and hard running. Marshall Soper grafted away up front. Graham Jennings overlapped at every opportunity and Charlie Yankos kept it tight at the back.

But there was a moment of panic in the



Zarko Odzakov

Australian defence when O'Connor headed down and the ball bounced off the foot of Gerry Gomez, straight to Roberto Dinamite whose shot, however, was saved by Greedy.

Patikas was foiled first by left back Ivan and then by goalkeeper Acacio, while Soper, who had done well to lob the ball over a defender, hit the side netting with a sliding shot when the ball already had run out of play.

Murphy started one of Australia's best moves by slipping the ball wide to Jennings bursting through the Vasco Da Gama defence. His cross was aimed for

But Vasco Da Gama hang on to lead

the head of Soper, who jumped high but failed to reach it.

Just after the break, Soper dodged centre back Nene in the box on a forward pass from Crino, but under pressure, his bouncing shot went wide of the goal, when he could have left it for John Kosmina.

Kosmina, incidentally, was completely out of the game. He lacked the necessary speed and sharpness to get more than a handful of touches.

In the 52nd minute, Kosmina and Nene were challenging for the ball on the left wing. Nene was beating Kosmina for pace and Kosmina elbowed him in the face. Rampley flashed the yellow card at Kosmina, and showed it also to Vitor for protesting too much.

Vasco Da Gama should have gone further ahead in the 60th minute. Greedy punched out a long cross, and it went straight to right back Donato, who, with Greedy still on the ground, aimed for the unguarded goal but hit the bar.

A header by Patikas at the other end, fell nicely for Murphy whose shot seemed goal-bound until it deflected off Nene for a corner.

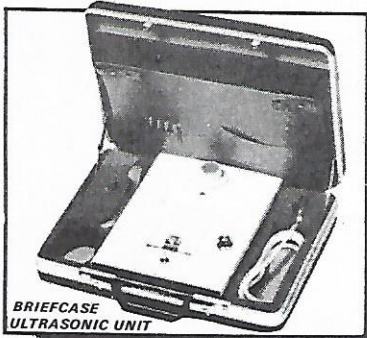
Nei, still suffering from that blow to the face, was replaced by Milton Mendes and a few seconds later, Frank Farina came on for Murphy. One felt it would have been wiser to take off Kosmina and perhaps bring on Robbie Dunn up front.

Farina was sharp and fast as usual. He latched onto a square ball from Patikas inside the six-yard box, but his shot hit a defender in front of him.

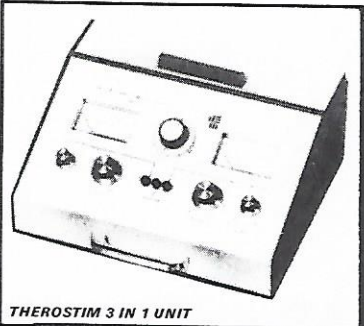
Two minutes from the end, an Odzakov corner eluded the goalkeeper but Crino's header hit a defender.

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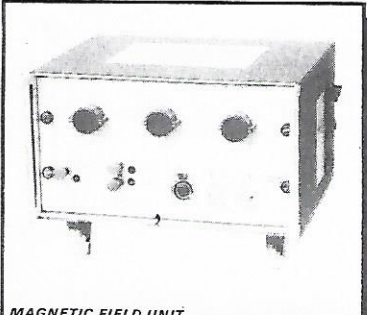


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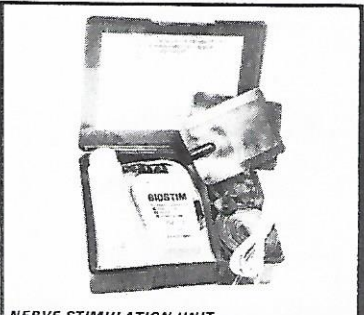
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Wales boss wary of Scots but not the Aussies

From MIKE RENWICK

Welsh national team manager Mike England frankly admits he knows "nothing about Australian football", yet is not considering any major spying mission on the Socceroos.

Wales is one of three likely opponents for the winner of the Oceania section of the World Cup qualifying rounds. The winner of Europe's Group Seven automatically would go to Mexico next year and the runner-up would play the Oceania champion.

At present Wales is in a most comfortable position, with six points from five games, including a stunning 1-0 victory against Scotland in Glasgow and then a 3-0 hammering of Spain in Cardiff.

But Mike England is far from cocky about the Welsh chances of going to Mexico.

"In 1982 we were leading our qualifying group by three points with only three matches to play, and we blew it," he said.

Now England says he has cast out all thoughts of anything except the forthcoming final match against Scotland, in Cardiff, on September 11.

"Scotland is our great concern," he said. "If we can beat them, then we're assured of either first or second place in the group, depending on how the Spaniards go against Iceland."

"I just refuse to start speculating about how we'd go against someone like Australia, because, I've never seen Australia in action."

He said that if it resulted in a showdown between Wales and Australia it would be almost impossible for him to see the Socceroos in action before they clashed with his side.

"I doubt very much whether I'd be able to get to Australia to see any of their qualification matches, — or any of the matches of any of the other favorites in the group," he said.

"Even making such a trip now — I understand there is some sort of tournament in Australia at present — could be viewed by the other teams in the group that we're conceding first place."

"Well, I don't want to even give them that satisfaction. "I'll wait until after the Scotland game to make any decision about checking out the Aussies."

England did say, however, that he was interested in the possibility of seeing the Israel-Australia match in September.

"But then, that will apply to any of the managers from our group who ends up in second place."

England said he was sure the Welsh, Scottish or Spanish FAs would send their manager to Tel Aviv to watch that encounter closely.

"But really, I've got no clue as to how Australia plays the game," he said.

He also said he had heard Australia had sent someone to watch the Wales-Spain match, but was unaware it was national team boss Frank Ark.

"It seems like you will have a better idea of us than we will of you... if it comes to that," he said.

England said he was pleased with the strength of his current squad.

"When I became manager five years ago, we had five First Division players in our national team squad," England said. "Now we have 13 out of 16 players from the top division, and that's something of which both I and Welsh football in general are very proud."



Udinese at its home stadium, from left: assistant coach Ripari, Criscimanni, Billia, Edinho, Fiore, Brini, Carnevale, Rossi, coach Vinicio. Middle row: Cattaneo, Zico, Montesano, Miano, Selvaggi, Teser, Galparoli, masseur Grandis. Front: masseur Cassarsa, Papais, Gerolin, Dominisanni, DeAgostini, Mauro.

Bribe scandal rocked Udinese

By PAUL MOON

When Zico joined Udinese in 1983, the general reaction outside Italy was: "Who are Udinese?" Most Italians asked: "Why Udinese?"

There were many clubs in Calcio with greater status and resources than the comparatively modest outfit from Udine — a city of just over 100,000 inhabitants in north-east Italy — which would have provided Zico with a likelier setting to advance his career.

Yet, the Zico acquisition displayed just how determined Udinese is to stay afloat in what is generally recognised as the toughest domestic competition in Europe and certainly the most star-studded — the Italian League Serie A.

Formed in 1896, primarily as a gymnastics club, Udinese's soccer section played in a variety of regional competitions for 34 years, before gaining admission to the Italian League.

During the next two decades, Udinese bounced between Serie B and Serie C before finding itself in the League's premier section in 1950, after gaining promotion in successive seasons.

Somewhat surprisingly, it consolidated this unfamiliar status and progressed so spectacularly that the 1954-55 campaign was completed as runner-up to AC Milan.

Outstanding for that side were the blond Swedish international Arne Selmosen, a sophisticated inside left whose elusiveness earned him the nickname "Ray of Moonlight", the excellent Italian

centre forward Bettini and Hungarian Szekes.

But, discovery that Udinese had bribed opposition players to "throw" a vital relegation encounter during the previous season resulted in the club being banished into Serie B and what, on paper, remains its best effort ever, actually ended in tears.

Selmosen and Bettini were snapped up by Lazio and, although Udinese immediately returned to Serie A as the Second Division's champions, it was never the same force again and demotion occurred once more in 1962 (despite

regaining Selmosen and the presence of gifted imports: Argentinian Pentelli, Dane Mortensen and Swede Anderson). Within two years, Udinese had slumped into Serie C and stayed there for 14 years, a period during which it gained note only as a nursery for young stars (including Dino Zoff).

That changed however with the appointment of Massimo Giacomini as coach. Giacomini proved that history can repeat itself, as Udinese emulated the feat of its 1948-50 team and moved from Serie C to Serie A in two years, before Giacomini was lured to AC Milan.

The subsequent six seasons have seen Udinese maintain its presence in the premier grade and win the Mitropa Cup in 1980.

Mauro's one in a million

By CRAIG MCKENZIE

Vasco Da Gama 1 Udinese 5

Scorers: Mauricinho 4th (Vasco); Carnevale 68th (Udinese).

Venue: MCG.

Crowd: 20,503 (double header).

Cautions: Oliveira (Vasco), Criscimanni (Udinese).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Massimo Mauro stole the show in a sometimes spiteful yet absorbing clash between Brazil's Vasco Da Gama and Italy's Udinese.

Mauro soon will leave Udinese and join Juventus of Turin for \$3.5 million and on this showing, he's worth every cent.

His class shone during a second half incident when he found himself in possession in Udinese's left back spot. Little Vasco winger Mauricinho quickly closed down Mauro who shielded the ball well, turned to pass it back to goalkeeper Fabio Brini but found that Robert Dinamite had blocked the path to the Udinese goal. Mauro didn't lose his cool and he refused to boot the ball out. Harassed by Mauricinho, Mauro remained confident in his ability to keep possession, finally working his way across the park then releasing Udinese rightback Dino Galparoli with a well weighted and delightfully curled 30 metre pass.

It was Udinese which finished stronger. Urged on by coach Luis Vinicio, a Brazilian, who kept telling his players to go forward with cries of "Forza, forza," and "Avanti, avanti," the Italians really were desperate to win.

Vasco created the first chance. Midfielder Vitor, who played with Flamengo's World Club championship winning side in 1982, charged into the Udinese area. He passed to Oliveira who returned the ball

via a cheeky backheel but Vitor shot wide.

In the 12th minute, Cesare Carnevale, how well he shields the ball, was in a one-on-one situation up front. He slipped the ball wide to Paolo Miano but Vasco goalkeeper Roberto Costa charged off his line to block at Miano's feet.

Udinese blew a great chance in the 28th minute. Mauro chipped the ball from the right to the far post. Vasco rightback Donato chested down but in a flash, Gerolin had got goalside only to blast his volley well over.

Mauricinho drove the ball in from the right wing in the 32nd minute. Vitor was at the near post and tried an audacious first time flick with the inside of his boot but the ball went wide.

Then came the first fiery incident. In the 34th minute, Oliveira's brutish, two-footed tackle left Mauro writhing in agony. Referee Chris Bambridge booked Oliveira.

Two minutes later, Cesare Cattaneo, a mountain of a man, and Massimo Susic, got mixed up at the back, enabling Vitor to win the ball and set up the great Roberto Dinamite, but the fuse fizzled out as Dinamite's shot from the edge of the area whistled well wide of the far post. It was to be one of the few times that Vasco's greatest scorer in history was sighted.

Three minutes into the second half, Mauricinho struck. He picked up the ball about 25 metres out. There didn't seem much danger. Suddenly, the little winger let fly and the ball ended up in the back of the Udinese goal with Brini wondering what had happened.

MATCH DETAILS

AUSTRALIA 1 (Soper 32nd) TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0 at MCG, Wednesday night, crowd 20,503. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

AUSTRALIA: Greedy 9 — Yankos 9 — Gomez 5, Ratcliffe 8, S. O'Connor 7, Jennings 8 — Watson 5, Crino 7 (inj), sub. Patikas 72nd, Murphy 8 — Soper 8 (inj), sub. Brown 62nd, Kosmina 6. Coach: Frank Ark.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Clemence 8 — Thomas 8, Roberts 7, Miller 7 (Culverhouse 77th), Bowen 9 — Hazard 7 (Crook 77th) Mabbitt 7, Ardiles 7, Dick 9 — Leworthy 5, Falco 7. Manager: Peter Shreeves.

VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Mauricinho 48th) UDINESE 1 (Carnevale 68th). Double header at the MCG. Crowd: 20,503. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

VASCO DA GAMA: Roberto Costa 7 — Donato 8, Nene 8, Ivan 7, Lira 8 — Vitor 9, Gilberto 8, Oliveira 7 — Mauricinho 8 (inj), Romulo 89th, Roberto Dinamite 5, Romulo 7 (Claudio Jose 72nd). Coach: Edu

UDINESE: Brini 7 — Galparoli 7, Cattaneo 7, Susic 8, DeAgostini 8 — Miano 8, Gerolin 8 (inj), Papais 60th, Mauro 10, Criscimanni 7 — Robertino 5 (Marcello 87th), Carnevale 8. Coach: Luis Vinicio

UDINESE 2 (Carnevale 2nd, Marcelo 68th) TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0 at scg, Saturday, crowd 14,003 (double header).

UDINESE: Fiore 8 — Galparoli 7, Cattaneo 7, Susic 7, DeAgostini 7 — Gerolin 8, Mauro 7 (injured, sub. Papais 7, 39th), Criscimanni 7, Miano 7 — Robertino (Montesano 88th) 7, Carnevale 7 (Marcelo 8, half time).

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Clemence 6 — Thomas 6, (Culverhouse 78th) Roberts 6, Miller 6, Bowen 7 — Hazard 8, Ardiles 6, Crook 7 (Leworthy 80th), Mabbitt 6, Dick 7 — Falco 6.

VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Roberto Dinamite 17th) AUSTRALIA 0 at scg, Saturday, crowd 14,003.

VASCO DA GAMA: Acacio 6 — Donato 8, Nene 8, Nei 8, (Milton Mendes 74th) Ivan 8 — Vitor 7, Gilberto 7, Claudio Jose 6 — Mauricinho 6, Roberto Dinamite 6, Romulo 6 (Romero 67th).

AUSTRALIA: Greedy 6 — Gomez 6, S. O'Connor 6, Yankos 7, Jennings 7 — Patikas 7, Crino 8, Odzakovic 8, Murphy 7 (Farina 74th) — Soper 7, Kosmina 3.

Standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Udinese	1	0	3	1	3	
Vasco Da Gama	1	0	2	1	3	
Australia	1	0	1	1	2	
Tott. Hotspur	0	2	0	3	0	

Man of the match: MASSIMO MAURO (Udinese)

Udinese had brought off Brazilian guest player Robertino at half time and replaced him with its second Brazilian guest player, Marcelo. Robertino was a flop. Marcelo was a bit better, but not much.

A minute after Vasco's goal, Mauricinho was flattened and had to come off for treatment, holding his head.

Vasco's Romulo, obviously its set-piece man, curled a low free kick toward the near post in the 33rd minute but Brini got down well to hold.

Gerolin walked off the field in the 60th minute, looking for treatment to a bad head wound. Blood dripped from his face and there was no way that he could continue, so on went Giorgio Papais.

Criscimanni and Marcelo combined in the 66th minute but Marcelo shot wide from 12 metres. A minute later, Roberto Costa parried a superb drive from Carnevale.

Another minute later, Udinese equalised. Mauro crossed to the far post when Carnevale headed the ball high, sending it dropping over Roberto Costa and into the top far corner.

Galparoli and Romulo had a dust-up in the 69th minute. Almost the entire Udinese bench was on the field trying to quell tempers as players ran in from all angles and started pushing and shoving.

Referee Bambridge restored order, cleared the pitch of substitutes and club officials, and got the game going again.

Vasco almost got back in front in the 72nd minute when Vitor shot narrowly over then a dreadful tackle by Susic on Mauricinho caused another flare-up involving a dozen players.

Goodness knows what Brunswick Juventus goalkeeper Sean Keogh thought about all of this. Vasco's reserve goalie was injured and Keogh had trained with the Brazilians the previous day and was on the bench, after VFS secretary George Wallace had answered Vasco's plea for Keogh.

Udinese kept pressing forward but couldn't break the deadlock.

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Man of
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CHARLIE YANKOS
(Australia)

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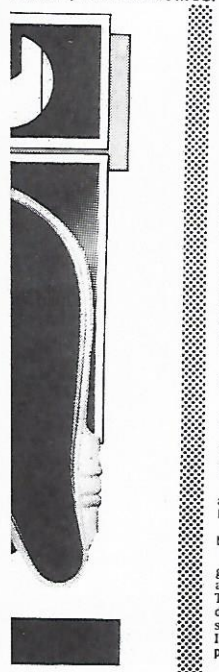
ves also had high praise for
er Terry Greedy. Perhaps
was motivated for the same
as Yankos, because waiting in
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s been outstanding this year.
Gomez, filling in at right



ustralian goalkeeper
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st of Spurs' striker
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c (left) and Eddie Thomson look
their fears were unfounded as
ss beat Spurs 1-0 at the MCG.



back for injured Alan Davidson, had a
disastrous introduction to soccer at
this level, due to the brilliant form of
Spurs' left winger Ally Dick and left
back Mark Bowen, and the in-
effectiveness of Australia's right mid-
fielder, Joe Watson, in the first half.
Gomez marked Dick more tightly
after half time, and Watson became a
bit more resolute as well but the left
side remained Spurs' strongest.

Referee Stewart Mellings set a dan-
gerous precedent in declining to send
off Spurs' centre back Paul Miller, and
perhaps Soccerro captain John Kosmi-
na, and showing Graham Roberts of
Spurs so much leniency.

Miller, having been shown the
yellow card for stomping on Kosmina
in the 43rd minute, flattened substitute
Jim Patikas who had walked past
three opponents in the 72nd minute. It
was blatant, cynical expediency and
under the rules, as a second offence,
should have been punished with a
send-off.

During the fracas that followed the
foul on Patikas, Roberts pushed Kosmi-
na in the face, yet Mellings did nothing.

Six minutes later, as Patikas again
was storming away, Roberts slung his
arm in front of Patikas's neck, then
dived onto the ball and grabbed it with
his hands. Mellings did nothing. About
five minutes from the end, after
Gomez and Roberts had scrambled for
the ball, Roberts got up off the ground
and pushed Gomez in the face. Again,
no punishment.

Kosmina's worst offence was his
square-up on Miller only a minute
after Miller had fouled Kosmina. The
yellow card was flashed for that one.

I make a point of all this only be-
cause of the ugly scenes we saw during
last year's World Series, when players
were allowed to punch each other in
full view of the referee. Allowing such
things to happen only invited more
trouble.

I do not agree with Mellings who
said after the game that referees

should try to make sure that all
players stay on the park. Referees ap-
peared to have the same attitude last
year — perhaps because of a direction
from the tournament organisers.

About the rough stuff, Arok said:
"We have never started anything on
the field that is vicious or dirty. There
were only two segments of a couple of
seconds each between two strong lads
having a go at each other."

Neither side complained about
rough play or about the refereeing.

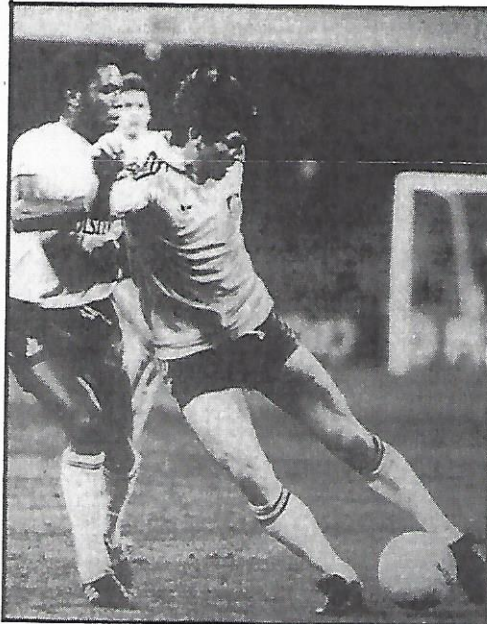
Ossie Ardiles, the Argentine star,
showed some deft touches but as
Shreeves explained: "It was very dif-
ficult for Ossie to impose his top-class
skills on the game. He was closely
marked throughout, wasn't he? And
that was an important aspect in the
outcome."

While Yankos celebrated his birth-
day with this memorable victory,
Marshall Soper celebrated the fact
that he had just become a father.
Latching onto a long ball out of
defence from David Ratcliffe, Soper
powered towards goal, shaking off
Roberts who tried unsuccessfully to
tackle from behind, and placed his
shot neatly past Ray Clemence in the
32nd minute.

Soper injured an ankle — apparently
as he played a first-time volleyed pass
out to Oscar Crino in the second half.
He limped for a while, but when Rod
Brown was about to come on to re-
place him, Soper ran back into the
fray, chopped down Ally Dick, was
shown the yellow card and then, final-
ly, agreed to come off in the 62nd mi-
nute.

Ken Murphy's tough, hard-shooting
midfield performance was probably
his best yet in the green and gold
colors and left back Graham Jen-
nings was equally impressive in a
much more defensive role than he
usually plays — so defensive, in fact,
that he cleared one Spurs attempt off
the line. It was a close thing. Spurs
players even claimed that the ball had
gone in.

Soper, the match-winner, and Kosmi-
na, threw their weight around as
usual, giving Miller and Roberts
plenty to think about, but whereas
Soper was also an avenue to goal, Kosmi-
na was not at all dangerous and, as
the game wore on, played more in
midfield and defence than up front.
With fast, skilful and inspired Jim
Patikas available, Australia would be
much better off with him up front
rather than the slower Kosmina, des-



Australia's match-winner, Marshall Soper (right)
shields the ball superbly from Spurs' defender Danny
Wallace. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

pite the sterling service he has given
the team for so many years.

Spurs started full of commitment,
and the superior speed of its players
threatened to bring Australia undone.

Mark Falco was through and set to
score after about eight minutes but
Greedy made the first of many ex-
cellent saves, diving at the feet of the
man who had scored 28 English First
Division goals in the season just
ended.

In the 16th minute, David Leworthy
— who lived in Melbourne until he was
eight years old, and whose father
coached Keilor-Austria — clearly out-
sprinted David Ratcliffe but his
angled shot was taken by Greedy.

Dick was sending over a hail of
crosses from the left. The two most

dangerous ones were headed away by
Steve O'Connor, just in front of Falco
in the 21st minute, and by Jennings
seconds later.

But then Murphy, who earlier had
tried a long-range shot unsuccessfully,
brought an excellent one-handed save
from Clemence as he took a free kick
from 25 metres.

Jennings, on a good run up the wing,
crossed to the far post, aiming at
Soper, but Miller headed away in front
of the big striker. A minute later,
Soper had the satisfaction of leaving
Miller, Roberts, Clemence and the
rest of the defence growling in anger
as he headed back to the centre after
scoring what proved to be the winning
goal.

Good lead-up play by Soper on the
right led to Murphy missing narrowly
with a promising snap-shot, while at
the other end, Yankos headed away
from the danger zone, and then threw
his body in the way of a powerful drive
by Mike Hazard.

One felt at half time that Patikas
should have come on for his speed in
breakaways. Spurs, after all, had to
push up in search of an equaliser.

There were no changes, though, and
Spurs almost equalised through Bowen
who launched a great shot after latch-
ing onto a defensive clearance.
Greedy reacted quickly in pushing the
ball past the post.

Greedy saved Australia again by
pouncing at the feet of Falco for the
second time and, shortly after Rod
Brown had replaced Soper, Kosmina
popped up in defence to clear behind
Greedy who had missed a high ball
under pressure.

A through ball from Murphy sent
Kosmina towards goal. Roberts
missed with a tackle, but Kosmina
lacked the pace to get past Bowen,
who came across from the left to dis-
possess him.

Oscar Crino, who had played very
well in midfield, injured an ankle and
was replaced by Patikas in the 72nd
minute. Crino had used his ability to
hold the ball in midfield, and send for-
ward good passes, and he also had
more than held his own in physical
clashes.

But Patikas's appearance added a
whole new dimension to the game.

Only a minute after coming on, he
dribbled past three opponents before
being chopped down in desperation by
Miller.

The Spurs' bench must have agreed
that Miller was perilously close to
being sent off, for he was replaced
shortly afterwards by Ian
Culverhouse, while Ian Crook came on
for Hazard at the same time.

Patikas scooted away again in the
79th minute, on a through ball from
Gomez, prompting Roberts to put his
arm in front of Patikas's neck, and
then dive onto the ball. With the free
kick, Murphy again tested Clemence,
who touched the ball over the bar.

The match ended with a sensational
incident that left 20,000 Soccerro fans
with their hearts in their mouths.

Ratcliffe had mis-kicked with an at-
tempted clearance, sending the ball
straight up into the air. It came to
Greedy, who tried a back-pass to Gre-
dy. The pass, however, beat Greedy
and hit the bottom of the near-
post. Luckily, it bounced straight
— it to the goalkeeper, who remarked
after the match:

"I thought he (Gomez) was trying to
double the crowd for the next game."

They fought on the field and they fought on the benches

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The com-
petitiveness at the
MCG last Wednesday
wasn't confined to
the field and in some
ways the vitriolic
edge of the bench-
speak during the Aus-
tralian V Spurs clash
was far more cutting
than any flying stud
ever could be.

Here, then is a sample of
how the Australian and Spurs
benches reacted to some of the
incidents on the field:

The game is just five
minutes old when a clearly
describable cockney twang
echoes across the pitch,
directed at the Spurs for-
wards. "They (the Australian
defence) can't play. They're
bleedin' hopeless. Push up on
them."

The arrogance of the
remark doesn't go unnoticed
on the Australian bench which
casts steely glares at the Spurs
bench.

Kenny Murphy catches
Micky Hazard with a late tackle.
Hazard spends the next
three minutes muttering at
Murphy who laughs it off. The
Spurs bench doesn't take
kindly to Hazard not getting on
with the game.

"Micky, shut your bleedin'
ole!"

Micky's 'ole is shut.

Then an Australian is scy-
thed down.

"If they want it rough, we
give them rough, don't worry
about that," bellows the Aus-
tralian bench.

"Hey, what sort of geezer
are you?" retorts the Spurs
bench.

The incident passes. Both
benches calm down.

The linesman John Stojkovic
gives an offside decision which
annoys the Australian bench.
Three or four more times
during the match, Stojkovic is
spoken to in his native tongue.
I'm sure it's a far from com-
plimentary fashion.

By now, both benches are as

intense as the players. What a
difference thousands of dollars
make.

Then a bad ball back by
Steve O'Connor forces David
Ratcliffe into a big boot down-
field which catches Spurs
square. Marshall Soper breaks
clear and scores.

The Australian bench rises,
fists clenched in triumph. The
Spurs bench is still.

Paul Miller decks John Kosmi-
na, then uses Kosmina as a
door mat.

The Australian bench is fu-
rious.

"Send him off!"

"Hey, what the hell are you
talking about? What about the
animals in your side?"

"I'm just disappointed that a
professional player can't
handle himself better," is the
reply.

"Get off with you," ends the
altercation.

Within a minute, Kosmina
has evened up and gets booked.

"Some player that, eh? A
real pro, eh?" says the Spurs
bench.

"That's just tit for tat. If the
referee had done the right
thing and sent Miller off that
never would have happened,"
is the reply.

There's almost as much
action off the field as on.

And it's not confined to the
benches. About 200 Spurs fans
are encircled by police who do
the wrong thing and break up
the group of flag waving, chan-
ting fans, instead of keeping
them together in the one spot,
knowing where they are all the
time.

Referee Stewart Mellings
whistles for half time. Mel-
lings isn't a favorite with
either bench.

The second half isn't that old
when O'Connor dribbles four
times just outside the Australi-
an area, then plays the ball
across the face of goal to

Graham Jennings with Terry
Greedy pinned to the near
post, trying to offer himself to
O'Connor for a passback. No
Spurs player can latch onto O-
Connor's square ball.

Frank Arok slides down off
the bench, clutching his chest
and feigning a heart attack.
Eddie Thomson turns around
and says: "Now you know why
I've got so many grey hairs."
Hazard is substituted and
he's not happy.

"Come on Micky, come on,"
says the Spurs bench but
Hazard casts a cold stare in its
direction and keeps walking
straight into the dressing
rooms, refusing to sit out the
game on his bench.

Gerardo Gomez is starting
to put the boot in and he's
doing a lot better in this half.
He'd had a nightmare in the
first half. Greedy tramples all
over Ally Dick and the Spurs
bench is enraged.

"Get that black bastard off.
Which tree did he drop out
of?" yells the Spurs bench.

John Chiedoie who's also
black, is on the Spur's bench.
He doesn't react to the com-
ment and receives a quick
apology. Within seconds,
Gomez has put the boot in
again.

"Get that bleeding black
bastard off."

This time, there's no apology
to Chiedoie.

Mark Falco's late tackle on
Gomez is evidence of the frustra-
tion felt by Spurs. Graham
Roberts yells: "Falco, don't
get him, get the No. 6!"

Australia's No. 6 is big O-
Connor.

Spurs pour on the pressure.
The ball is almost on the Aus-
tralian goal-line but is booted
clear. The Australian bench is
strained, nerves taut, as a
minute-by-minute countdown
is underway.

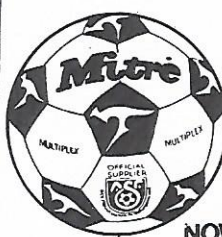
Gomez plays a bad pass
back but Greedy recovers to
clutch the ball at the near post.

Arok's heart is in his mouth,
his head in his hands.

The final whistle blows.
Roberts picks up the ball and
gives an almighty thump away
as the Australian bench cele-
brates with its players.

The Spurs bench walks off
the pitch despondently

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'Hatchet job' by media

Peter Sheean, promoter of the international tournament, slammed the Sydney media in the aftermath of the double-header at the SCG last Saturday. Asking reporters to confine their questions to the matches that had just been played, rather than the carnage at the European Cup final in Brussels, Sheean said: "I'd say some sections of the Sydney media have done a superb hatchet job on soccer,

which as you saw today, was completely unjustified." Sheean said the media had spread alarmist speculation that there would be violence during the game between Spurs and Udinese. "The hysteria drummed up was disgraceful and it has done a great deal of damage to soccer and to sport in general. "It was an insult to the Australian, Italian and British people who came to see these two great matches."

Spurs back FA ban

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Man of the match:
MANUEL GEROLIN
(Udinese)

Udinese 2
Spurs 0

Scorers: Carnevale 2nd, Marcelo 68th.
Venue: SCG.
Crowd: 14,000.
Cautions: Cattaneo (U), Dick (TH), Gerolin (U), Susic (U).
Referee: Richard Lorenz S.

Spurs manager Peter Shreeves had no complaint about the result. "The quality of Udinese's second goal was enough to win any game," he said.

Marcelo, who at half time

had replaced Andrea Carnevale, scorer of the first goal, accepted a pass from Manuel Gerolin in the 68th minute, sold Graham Roberts one dummy, then another one, and belted the ball low past Ray Clemence on a slight angle.

Udinese coach Vinizio, asked whether he now was confident of reaching the final, said "You're never 100 per cent sure till you get there."

Brazilian international defender Edinho would arrive to join Udinese this week, he said, but it was not known whether he would be here in time for the game against Australia.

Spurs would be joined by Eire international Tony Galvin and Chris Hughton in Adelaide, said Peter Shreeves.

John Chiedoie, who has been carrying an injury, almost certainly would play in Adelaide.

Asked whether Spurs,



Udinese midfielder Manuel Gerolin, at full stretch against Danny Thomas of Spurs.

having qualified for Europe, was disappointed that the English FA had decided to ban its clubs from European competitions.

Shreeves said: "It was the correct thing to do because you can't have a situation where people are getting killed and nothing is done. I just hope this will solve the problems."

Udinese midfielder star Massimo Mauro - best player of the series - was injured in a clash with Spurs' Ally Dick, taken off on a stretcher and rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital. However, X-rays revealed nothing more serious than a badly bruised ankle.

Spurs started with only one striker - Mark Falco - but Ossie Ardiles apparently was supposed to push up from a deep position to support him.

Carnevale scored as early as the second minute, from close range after Robertinho had done the lead-up work on the right.

Carnevale looked all set to score again when he brilliantly controlled a high ball, bringing it down on his foot and beating Graham Roberts in one swooping movement, but Mark Bowen, backing up, dispossessed Carnevale in the nick of time.

Udinese was much better organised, with Gerolin, Mauro (till injured) and Antonio Criscimanti forming a tight yet creative midfield trio, and Carnevale threatening the Spurs defence, where Roberts looked decidedly slow.

Marcelo, the Brazilian from Internacional of Porto Alegre, replaced Carnevale at half time so that the Udinese bosses could have a closer look at him.

But Spurs started the half with a powerful run by Hazard whose pass sent Falco running at the sweepers, Cesare Cattaneo, Falco, however, placed his shot past the goal.

Pasquale Fiore, in goal in place of Fabio Brini, looked suspect when he slipped the ball out to Roberts for a menacing shot that was stopped in the box by Massimo Susic but shortly afterwards, Fiore flew to the top-left corner to keep out a promising shot from Falco.

After Marcelo had scored, Spurs had one last chance to make the scoreline more respectable but Falco's header in the 85th minute hit the

Butcher to Spurs, Rossi to Milan?

It has been a long-term ambition of AC-Milan president Giussipe Farina to re-sign Paolo Rossi, the player he discovered at Second Division Vicenza back in 1976.

Now it seems his dream has come true, as Rossi is likely to move from Juve in a deal that will earn him \$2 million over the next two seasons.

The word is out - get Butcher! And Spurs are ready to splash out half a million to hook the England defender.

Terry Butcher has not signed an improved contract at Ipswich, and that has set the alarm bells ringing at White Hart Lane.

But Tottenham will find heavyweight competition from Manchester United in the race to sign the 26-year-old giant who has been the kingpin of the England defence this season.

Both clubs are likely to open the bidding at about 600,000 pounds.

It seems a good bet that Socrates, the captain of the magical Brazil in Spain, will leave Florence this (European) summer but may well stay in Italy.

The most likely club for him to join is Torino, where Brazilian teammate Junior has done so well in midfield, though Socrates has also been linked with newly promoted Pisa.

Despite the disinterest Swiss-based Shane and Wynton Rufer displayed towards further national team duty earlier in the year, New Zealand now appears confident they will be available on September 21 when the All Whites face Australia, as their club FC Zurich is unlikely to qualify for the UEFA Cup, the first and second rounds of which clash with World Cup games.

Newcastle United completed its New Zealand tour with 4-0 and 3-2 wins over the All Whites to win the four-match series three-nil, with one game drawn. New Zealand played excellent football in patches and obviously has progressed considerably since its world tour last year. The performance of defenders Malcolm Duncan and Keith Hobbs were particularly encouraging. Newcastle beat Fiji 2-0 in Suva on the way home to England.

The Dutch Government plans to ban the sale of alcohol in football stadiums as part of a series of measures to fight crime in the country.

The Dutch Ministry of Justice says a report to Parliament says alcohol leads to crime and proposes new laws to prohibit sales of alcoholic drinks in soccer stadiums and to restrict sales in sports clubs and other public, social and cultural centres.

The report also recommends withholding government subsidies if managers of clubs fail to introduce rules to reduce alcohol consumption.

A 5-1 defeat by Internazionale Milan confirmed that Ascoli will be relegated from Serie A of the Italian League, along with Crotone and Lazio.

Arminia Bielefeld's 3-2 defeat of Eintracht Brunswick condemned the latter to relegation to Bundesliga Division Two.

Len Ashurst, manager of the Sunderland team which was recently relegated from the English League Division One, has been dismissed.

Predictably Everton's Howard Kendall has been named Manager of the Year in England.

Israel, which met Sweden, Anderlecht and Vasco da Gama during May, is expected to tour England and Canada before its World Cup campaign commences.

Three members of the Fijian team in Sydney for the Oceania Youth Cup earlier this year have graduated into the senior squad to tour New Zealand. Akua Rova, Ivor Evans and Faizal Anwar Shah all were selected. Fiji beat Queensland 2-1 prior to departing.

Scotland's 1-0 victory over England at Glasgow evened the overall score between the two at 40 wins each and enabled the Scots to become the first holders of the Rous Cup.

Austria Vienna is the Austrian League champion for the 18th time.

AUSTRIA SACKS BILL MCINTYRE



Victorian Second Division club Keilor Austria sacked coach Billy McIntyre after only nine league games and has appointed goalkeeper Tommy Costello as caretaker coach.

"I don't blame the club in a way but what amazed me was that the people who sacked me are the same people who admitted to me that we needed players," said McIntyre.

What annoys McIntyre is that when he took on the Keilor job for this season, he was given a free transfer as a player from his last club, Albion. But under VSF rules, you can transfer only once in a season within the federation, meaning that McIntyre is sidelined until next year.

"When I decided to take on the Keilor job, it was with a

gentleman's agreement. There was no contract involved," said McIntyre. "Part of that agreement was that should the club sack me, then I'd get a month's wages but Keilor only gave me the week's wage that they owed and a week in advance. "The money doesn't bother me. It's the principle involved."

— CRAIG MAKENZIE.

Macleod bows out with his head still held high

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Gus Macleod was sacked last week as coach of Victorian State League club Fawkner for refusing to drop Frank Macleod and Ian Loughane, as instructed by the committee.

After Fawkner lost 3-0 to rival Italian club Thomastown, the Fawkner committee met on Monday and decided to act. At training the following night, Macleod was told by the team manager to drop the two players from the firsts.

Macleod approached the committee to clarify the situation, only to find that the team manager's version was correct. Macleod then spoke privately to Fawkner president Carlo Graffeo.

"Carlo Graffeo told me that he was sorry about the situation. I told him that I was the man who decided who should or not play and there was no way I was going to allow the committee to interfere in team selection," said Macleod.

"What sort of respect would I have got from my players if I'd backed down?"

"Carlo told me I'd have to resign. I said: No way. I was determined to stick by the players. So Carlo told me that I was sacked."

Graffeo says the committee originally had decided to sack assistant coach Billy Milne because "the reserves weren't progressing well enough."

Macleod claims that the Milne issue was an attempt by the club to sidetrack from the main point which he claims to be committee interference in team selection.

Graffeo admitted that "the committee wanted a couple of changes made to the first team. After all, it's the committee that runs the club, not the coach," he said.

When the players were told that Macleod and Milne were sacked, they came out in support of both coaches and asked the committee to reconsider, but the situation could not be changed.

"I went straight to the players and told them what had happened, even though the committee didn't want me to," said Macleod.

There were three committeemen at my meeting with the players and these committeemen admitted that the committee had demanded that I drop the two players in question."

But back to the Milne issue. "Billy was going to leave three weeks ago anyway. He only held on to help me out," said Macleod.

"He'd been having problems with the committee over team selection. The fathers of three of the reserve team players



Gus Macleod

are on the committee and another reserve player has his uncle on the committee."

Macleod was in his second year as coach of Fawkner. Under him, the club won the Docketry Cup last year, its first major Victorian honor, and finished in third place in State League. The reserves, under Milne, were runners-up in last year's Armstrong Cup and finished fifth in the league. When Macleod and Milne were sacked, the firsts were third and the reserves with ninth.

"As far as I'm concerned I've left Fawkner with my head held high," said Macleod.

"I was paid to improve players and I know that I improved some of them and the way they all backed me made me absolutely delighted."

"Whoever takes on the coaching job at Fawkner will have to try and stop the present committee from interfering in team selection. I didn't have these problems with last year's committee but to tell you the truth, I've had to have the patience of a saint this year. Earlier in the year, the committee wanted me to make Cesare Fattore captain with last year's committee but I wouldn't have it and I went up to big Cesare and explained to him why I thought that Peter was the man for the job. Cesare accepted that."

"But let me explain one thing about the Fawkner committee. I've gone to committee meetings and I have had a great rapport with the committee. I fully understand that committees are important parts of clubs but once they start interfering in selection then you've got to stick to your guns and do it your way."

"This sacking hasn't deterred me from pursuing a coaching career, in fact I've had offers from a National League club, a State League club and a First Division club already."

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F'STON PINES.....	5	4	2	21	14	14
THOMASTOWN.....	5	4	2	18	14	14
Polonia.....	5	3	2	15	14	13
Fawknor.....	5	2	4	22	13	12
Box Hill.....	4	4	3	20	16	12
West Suburbs.....	4	3	4	15	16	11
Albion Turk Gucu.....	4	2	5	11	17	10
Northcote.....	3	5	6	16	18	9
Wilhelmina.....	3	3	5	10	17	9
Springvale.....	2	2	7	8	15	6
St. Albans Dinamo.....	3	0	8	16	31	6
Knox City.....	2	1	8	8	29	5

FRANKSTON PINES2 (Thurflow 75th, Thomas 86th)
MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Cassar 25th) at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 — Thurflow 8, Ross 7, Ferris 7, Cunningham 7, Cullen 7, Dick 8, Cooke 8 — McGinnitie 7, Webster 8
THOMAS: Coach Danny McMinimer

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7 — Palermo 5, Bingham 5, Bruns 4, Train 5 — T. van Baar 8, MacLean 6, O'Callaghan 8, Cassar 5, Athersych 4, Stinton 4 (J. van Baar 80th), Coach Jimmy Dunne
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Cooke (FP), 2. Webster (FP), 1. O'Callaghan (Morw).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Culina 55th, Bruno 80th)
KNOX CITY 1 (Phillips 20th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 7 — S. Grigic 7, Brkijacic 7, Bozic 8, Kustura 7 — Dezic 8, Batovic 8, Culina 8, Radman (inj) Kuna 30th, 6th — Bruno 7, Lerotic 7, Coach Tony Vrzina
KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 — Loy Saisi 8, Bissinger 7, D. Bryden 6, Byrne 4, Pate 8, Murray 6 (Tunstall 75th), Lucio Saisi 6, G. Bakker 8, Phillips 8, Hawthorne 6 (Smith 77th), Coach Duncan Smith
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bozic (Dina), 2. Pate (Knox), 1. Culina (Dinamo)

POLONIA 2 (Przybyla 59th, Auld 81st) **FAWKNER 1** (Palinkas 50th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7 — Liparski 5, Mita 6, Innes 6, Smolarek 4 — Gibson 6, Little 6 (P. Czarnik 75th, inj) Vojnita 80th, Kolaric 5, Auld 6, Warszawa 5, Przybyla 7, Coach Eddie Reid
FAWKNER: Terzini 6 — Lia 6, Angele 6, Fattore 7, Hobson 4, Mancinelli 5, Boyle 6, Quigley 8, Di Cecco 6 — Palinkas 8, Cozzella 7
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Quigley (Fawk), 2. Palinkas (Fawk), 1. Przybyla (Pol)

BOX HILL 3 (Ramos 47th, Verechia 62nd, Hughes penalty 75th) **NORTHCOTE 1** (P. Constantino 67th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 — McPhee 7 (inj) Hennessy 60th, Basic 8, McMillan 7, Roodhouse 7 — Azzopardi 7, Hughes 9, Ramos 7 — A. Humble 7, Verechia 7, Keenan 5 (inj) Lawler H.T. 7) Coach Keith Webster
NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 7 — Patinoti 7, Cutler 9, m. Bozakis 7, Kouremenos 5 — Bekiaris 7, Wilson 7, Toro 6 (J. Constantino 70th) — P. Constantino 6, Filipis 5 (Stilialis 80th), Patsakos 7, Coach Jimmy Pyrgiolos
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Hughes (BH), 2. Cutler (North), 1. Basic (BH)

CROYDON 4 (Tansey 5th, Livingstone 20th, O'Reilly 55th, Brogan penalty 66th) **ALBION TURK GUCU 1** (Patsman 60th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Whiteside 7 — Brown 8, O'Reilly 8, Singleton 8, Tansey 8 — McDonald 7 (inj) Bates 75th, Beech 8, Livingstone 8 — Ollerton 8, French 7 (inj) Taylor 70th, Brogan 7, Coach Peter Ollerton
ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 8 — Behich 5, Gatt 7, Jovicic 6, Gilmour 6, Bennett 5 (Purcell 60th), G. O'Reilly 7, Alfonso 6, Emniski 5 (Picicane 50th, 6) — T. Latif 7, Patsman 6, Coach Tommy Traynor
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Beech (Croy), 2. Ollerton (Croy), 1. O'Reilly (Croy)

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Nyholt 75th) **SPRINGVALE CITY 0** at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — Storm 7, Corke 7, Murray 7, Shannon 8 — Haupt 8, van Egmond 7 (inj) Kebede 70th, Burton 6, Stewart 6 — Wells 7, Nyholt 7, Coach Tony Vrzina
SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6 — K. Humble 8, Luyten 7, Bannon 8, Shaw 8 — Beard 6 (D'Amico 70th), Bentley 7, Luca 7 — Nelson 7, Mathews 8, Bell 7 (van Dinteren 80th), Coach Ian Greener
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Haupt (RW), 2. Bannon (Spring), 1. Shannon (RW)

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 **THOMASTOWN 1** (Flaherty 49th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 6 — Hamill 7, Dimovski 7, Esposito 7, Lekkas 5 — K. Coyle 6 (Palmer 80th), Kakantonis 6, Beattie 6 — Stenson 8, McGuinness 7, Tuck 7, Coach Jimmy Condilis
THOMASTOWN: Raponi 8 — DiBerardino 6, Smale 7, Cosentino 9, Arcoraci 7 — Dallas 6, DiMartino 6, B. Coyle 6 — Lalik 7, Alizzi 7, Flaherty 7 (Carfora 75th), Coach Joe Wilson
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Cosentino (T), 2. Stenson (WS), 1. Raponi (T)

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9 — Cozzella (Fawknor), (Dinamo), Cooke (Pines)
8 — McMillan, Harrison (Box Hill), Bruns (Morwell), McGuinness, Dimovski (Suburbs), Raponi (Thomastown)
7 — Verechia (Box Hill), Jovicic (Alb. Turk Gucu), Bozic (Dinamo), Cooke (Pines)

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7 — Morovic (Dinamo)
6 — French (Croydon), Cozzella (Fawknor), Flaherty, Lalik (Thomastown)
5 — T. Latif (Alb. Turk Gucu), Stinton (Morwell), Przybyla, Warszawa, Auld (Polonia), Culina (Dinamo), Nyholt (Wilhelmina)

THOMASTOWN REVVED UP FOR POLONIA CLASH

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Thomastown can cement its top four spot by beating Polonia at Partridge Reserve on Saturday. The match kicks off at 3pm.

There's a full round of State League games this Saturday due to the finals of the international series at the MCG on Sunday.

As Marcello D'Amico pointed out on his Thomastown-Western Suburbs match report on this page, Thomastown is cruising along in style. Frankly, I'm a bit surprised, for I expected the club to anchor itself to a middle of the table spot this season.

Of course, Thomastown coach Joe Wilson isn't the type of man to get carried away and he'll be revving up his lads for the big clash with Polonia.

Enough's been said in recent weeks about Tony Cosentino's ability. Cosentino, Andy Smale, Paul Di Berardino and young Frank Arcoraci have the task of shackling Polonia ace Janusz Przybyla along with fellow forwards Billy Auld and Greg Warszawa. It won't be easy, especially if Polonia can take a grip on mid-field.

However, that's an area that's been giving Polonia coach Eddie Reid a few problems this season, even though David Gibson and John Little are fine players. Croydon looms already as the team to beat and its championship tilt is gathering momentum as each week passes. If it beats Fawknor at Smith Reserve on Saturday, then it will have taken another vital step toward its first ever State League title.

Box Hill probably will be

without Brian Keenan who came off injured at half time of the Hillmen's 3-1 win over Northcote. And right back Gary McPhee needed seven stitches in a head wound incurred in that clash. To add to the Hillmen's problems, stopper Andy McMillan has an ankle injury so there's a chance that Dean Hennessy and Don Lawler will come into the defence with perhaps Darryn White replacing Keenan out wide on the left.

White played well in last week's reserves game.

West Stan Webster is the danger man as far as Box Hill is concerned. I'll jump off the

Morwell bandwagon and tip a Pines win.

If Springvale City can't beat St. Albans Dinamo at Ross Reserve on Saturday, then it probably will battle against relegation right down to the wire. But I'm going for the Vales, who will have Keith Adams and Neil Garvey back. They were unavailable for last weekend's clash with Ringwood Wilhelmina due to business commitments.

Morwell should get back on the winning trail by beating Ringwood Wilhelmina at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday. Albion Rovers can

take the points from its clash with Northcote at Selwyn Park, and Knox City, even with player-coach Duncan Smith in the starting line-up, looks doomed against Western Suburbs at Egan Lee Reserve.

Here are this Saturday's games, with likely winners in capitals.

SPRINGVALE CITY v St Albans Dinamo at Ross Reserve, 3pm.

MORWELL FALCONS v Ringwood Wilhelmina at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.

ALBION ROVERS v Northcote at Selwyn Park, 3pm.

THOMASTOWN v Polonia at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

Knox City v WESTERN SUBURBS at Egan Lee Reserve, 3pm.

Box Hill v FRANKSTON PINES at Wembley Park, 3pm.

Fawknor v CROYDON CITY at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

It wasn't a goal!

By MIKE LYNN

Polonia 2 Fawknor 1

Scores: Przybyla 59th, Auld 81st (Pol); Palinkas 50th (F).

Venue: Raleigh Reserve.

With Polonia relying on long balls from sweeper Stefan Mita it was Fawknor duo Colin Quigley and Peter Boyle who controlled this clash in mid-field and if not for the superb skills of Polonia's Janusz Przybyla, the home side may well have gone down.

Some of Przybyla's one-touch football was a treat, even though he never got the service his skills deserve.

It was all Quigley and Boyle in the first 20 minutes and Joe Palinkas was giving Mirek Smolarek a hiding. To complicate matters for Polonia, tall goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski was staying on his line as a series of Palinkas crosses caused problems for the Polonia defence. Ian Tuffield would have been licking his lips here, however with Bruno Cozzella being the biggest man up front for Fawknor, Palinkas's work wasn't capitalised upon.

In the 24th minute, Palinkas beat Smolarek and had his cross deflected to young John Di Cecco whose header beat Dzielakowski. The referee disallowed the goal, though. Presumably, a Fawknor player had fouled an opponent inside the Polonia area.

Yet it was Polonia which missed the biggest sitter of the contest when a long ball by Mita was headed on by Billy Auld to Greg Warszawa who drew out Rob Terzini but shot wide.

In the 35th minute, a Palinkas cross fell to Di Cecco who could have scored had he elected to shoot. Instead, the youngster played the ball to Quigley, who was in a worse position, and Quigley shot wide.



Janusz Przybyla

Then Przybyla intercepted a Fab Angele pass and played the ball to Warszawa who took it to the line and tried to put it back to Przybyla but Terzini dived at Przybyla's feet to save well.

A minute into the second half, Przybyla laid off a superb first time ball to Warszawa and with Auld in support, Polonia had a two v. one in attack but Cesare Fattore did well to recover and tackle Warszawa.

Then Fawknor struck in the 50th minute and the goal never should have been given!

Fawknor was given a free kick outside the Polonia area. Boyle put his hand on top of the ball, slipped his foot beneath it then flicked the ball up for Palinkas who smashed in a tremendous shot from 25 metres. However, once the ball moved from the free kick, it was in play and Boyle's hand still was on it as he flicked it up, so the rules are clear here and Po-

lonia should have been given a free kick for Boyle's handball.

A bad pass back from Hobson in the 55th minute let in Warszawa but Terzini dived to his right to stop Warszawa's shot.

Four minutes later, scores were level. Again, the referee. Here he pushed back the Fawknor defensive wall too far as Polonia prepared to take a free kick. Przybyla picked his spot then curled the ball into the top far corner for a classic goal.

One minute later, Przybyla's fantastic first time flick sent Warszawa through but Warszawa went wide then wasted his cross. At this stage, both Quigley and Boyle were out of the game but Quigley got involved again and in a move in the 70th minute, showed why he is one of the finest midfielders in State League. He won the ball on the edge of his own area then played a great 30 metre ball to Cozzella, who beat two opponents then passed to Palinkas on the right wing. As this move built up, Quigley was making a tremendous off-the-ball run and when Palinkas crossed it was Quigley who got onto the end of it only to shoot over.

Fabio Mancinelli forced Dzielakowski to make a fine save in the 80th minute and a few seconds later it was Mancinelli again, but this time he shot wide. On both occasions it was Quigley who had put Mancinelli in possession.

Polonia's winner came in the 81st minute. Reno Lia was robbed by Dave Gibson who got forward then played the ball to Auld whose low shot from an acute angle beat Terzini.

Two minutes later, Auld intercepted another bad Hobson backpass and played the ball to Przybyla whose shot was deflected for a corner. A minute later, Przybyla shot against the crossbar following a goalmouth melee.

Ian Loughnane Frank Macleod

FLAHERTY WINS IT

By MARCELO D'AMICO

W. Suburbs 0 Thomastown 1

Scores: Flaherty 49th.

Venue: Ralph Reserve.

By winning its third game in a row, the second away from home, Thomastown jumped to fourth place on the ladder, equal on points with Frankston Pines.

Very few people, even the most ardent Thomastown supporters, would have believed that with almost half the season gone the new State League team would be in the top bracket.

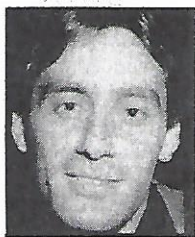
Without any imported stars, coach Joe Wilson and his assistant have moulded a strong unit capable of causing major upsets. The young players have risen to the occasion and the future of Thomastown is very promising.

This was a most important win as a place in the top four was at stake. A loss would have let in either Western Suburbs or Fawknor.

Western Suburbs proved a handful in the first half, creating a few chances but the red devils defence stood its ground and never lost its composure.

Bobby McGuinness and Jed Stenson could not break down the Thomastown defence and once again sweeper Tony Cosentino gave a masterly display.

Keeper Mauro Raponi made some brilliant saves and foiled attempts from McGuinness, Stenson and Kakantonis.



Tony Cosentino

The winning goal came in the 49th minute. A corner kick by Nino Di Martino went to the far post where Brian Flaherty, with a perfect header, put the ball in the net.

This was the fourth such goal in five weeks. Obviously Wilson and his players have carefully rehearsed corner kicks.

"Rocky" Tachiris saved another header by Flaherty in the 60th minute.

In the 68th minute, Kakantonis conceded a corner and young centre forward Johnny Alizzi headed the ball against the crossbar. Alizzi latched onto the rebound but for the second time was denied by the woodwork!

The last chance for Suburbs came in the 81st minute when Roberto Palmericciotti, transferred during the week from Footscray after a brief stay, had a shot at the Thomastown goal but Raponi saved brilliantly.

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Mitchell joins in kung fu capers

By PAUL MOON

Dave Mitchell was heavily involved in both recent matches between Hong Kong champions Seiko and China's Liaoning — the soccer game and the kung fu encounter which broke out after an hour.

The football was part of the Asian Super Club Championship and during it, Mitchell quickly established authority over a small and naive Liaoning defence.

In the 12th minute he soared to meet a cross from former Dutch World Cup star Rene Van der Kerkhof and put Seiko one up with an unstoppable header.

At that stage it looked probable that the China FA Cup holder would be overrun, but it decided to make up for lack of ability by attempting to cripple its opponents.

Sweeper Gao Sheng was the worst culprit, being guilty of particularly grotesque fouls, most of which were ignored by South Korean referee Park-Hee-Cha-Rang.

In the 57th minute Mitchell gained retribution and flattened Sheng in an off-the-ball incident, which neither referee nor linesman saw.

The referee, however, decreed that innocent bystander Van der Kerkhof was guilty and booked him. Only after frantic explanations did the official re-direct the yellow card towards Mitchell.

Three minutes later a brawl erupted, with all players, substitutes and a number of club officials punching and kicking each other in a manner Bruce Lee would have been proud of. When order was restored after 15 minutes, half a dozen players were left sprawled on the ground.

A bemused referee decided to send off Mitchell, along with the Liaoning goalkeeper, and book half a dozen players.

The soccer then recommenced, with Seiko eventually winning 2-1; but that fact was largely irrelevant, as the afternoon will be remembered solely for the most violent ever witnessed at the Government Stadium.

Another Australian played a part, albeit small, in a further piece of Crown Colony soccer history — this time a pleasant one.

Philip Reis came on as an 86th-minute substitute during Hong Kong's 2-1 win at Beijing over the People's Republic of China, which enabled it to reach Round Two of the Asian World Cup qualifiers.



David Mitchell of Seiko (left) rushes in as tempers flare and punches are about to fly in Seiko's clash with Liaoning.

BOLESLEW MLEWSKI DIES

Boleslaw Mlewski, known to soccer followers as the father figure of Polonia (Vic), died suddenly on Thursday, May 30.

Boleslaw (Bob) was a foundation member of Polonia at its inception in 1950 and played an active part in the

club's administration and support throughout Polonia's history and was also honoured as a life member.

"Soccer Action" joins Polonia in conveying our deepest sympathy to his wife and is saddened by the loss of one of Victorian soccer's most lovable personalities.

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

WISHART (1) (Brisb City)	MACLEOD (1) (Foots JUST)	DOWIE (1) (BU Juventus)	BROMFIELD (1) (Brisb City)
CARBONE (2) (Inter-Monaro)	BONACIC (1) (Foots JUST)	FAULKNER (1) (Geo. Cross)	
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The Doc is down in the dumps

From STEPHEN DETTRE

Tommy Docherty (pictured) is usually the most effusive of characters.

It takes a lot to make the Wolverhampton Wanderers' manager depressed or sad.

But, depressed and saddened he is, along with most of Britain's football fraternity, after the tragedy at Brussels' Heysel Stadium.

"It makes you think whether there's any future in British football," Docherty said.

"Seeing such horrific things... I wonder whether I'd be better off back in Australian soccer."

Docherty has strong views on hooliganism and the methods that should be taken to try and combat what he calls a social disease.

"I know there are problems out there (Australia) with some sections of rowdy supporters," he said.

"But they tend to be influenced by things that happen on the field — a penalty given or not given, a sending off. They don't actually go along to the game with the premeditated intention of trying to hurt someone. That is what happens here."

Docherty said he was fairly happy managing Wolves but would "seriously consider" any offer from an Australian club.

That's if anyone wants me."

Docherty has strong views on hooliganism and the methods that should be taken to try and combat what he calls a social disease.

In 1981, when he was coaching London club Queen's Park Rangers, he was attacked and severely beaten by five youths.

"I spent 10 days in hospital."

"They caught the hoods who did it, and you know what happened to them? They got \$47 in fines."

He echoed the comments of quite a number of people who have called for stiffer punishments for people caught misbehaving at football matches.

The Government has to get off the fence and start taking positive action. If it doesn't then this cancerous growth will get bigger and could kill the game. There should be more managers than the NSL could handle, queuing up at Australia House."

THE VICTORIAN LEAGUES

SUNBURY 0 MELBOURNE 1 (Yard 33rd) Victorian First Division match at Langma Park, Saturday.

SUNBURY: Paton 7, Skinner 7, Blakeley 7, Krammer 6, P. Beranic (Tracey 60th), Twine 6, D. Beranic 8, Greencham 7, Trakovski 8, Catterton 6, Magnano 7, Coach: Mike Lynn.

MELBOURNE: Barrie 6, Wild 7, Vethus 7, Drinocky 8, Bennett 7, Bird 7, Edmondson 7, Tzambaki (Dagnall), Theodor 7, Ward 8, Henry 7, Coach: Paddy Bannon.

The home side didn't let Melbourne settle in the early stages of this top-of-the-table clash.

In the first five minutes Sunbury had already come close to scoring from free kicks.

Melbourne picked its game up in the latter half of the first half. In the 25th minute, Bannon pushed forward with some inventive passing and found his shot well saved by Paton in Sunbury's goals. The game was tough and competitive.

Melbourne won a corner in the 33rd minute. Heery took the kick on the right, Drinocky flicked it on from the near post, and Donny Ward headed in.

But soon it was Sunbury attacking again with its best forward, Sabkie Magnano, coming close to scoring.

Sunbury's young signing from Melbourne this year, George Triakovski, played a good game providing most of

Sunbury's play in the second half. Searching for the early equaliser in the second half, Sunbury pinned Melbourne back. Barbas made good saves but later dropped an easy ball. However, his full back, Steve Wild, did in on the loose ball before Sunbury forwards could connect.

Moments later the Sunbury substitute, Tracey, pushed the ball through to Catterton then on to Magnano whose shot beat Paton but Drinocky cleared off the line.

NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Roggero 68th, Middlemast 82nd) ALTONA GATE 0 Victorian First Division match at Mahoney's Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjar, Brown, Moyle, Burt, Deans, Mulholland, Greenwald, S. Nellis, Roggero, Middlemast, Rota.

ALTONA GATE: Lacoic, Petrovski, Derivovski (Georgievski 84th), Serovski, M. Miciak, Telovski, Gelovski, Figueroa, S. Micevski, Veljanovski (Nedelkovski 81st), Ristovski.

Despite territorial superiority, Nunawading took a long time to subdue a skilful Altona Gate.

Nunawading started fast and forced four corners in the first three minutes. Pote's speed was causing problems for the Altona Gate defence.

Nunawading started the second half creating more chances with Middlemast involved in everything. Mullett was making space on the right and it was from his cross that Middlemast headed against the post in the 51st minute.

When a draw was looking a distinct possibility, Roggero in his first game, broke the deadlock. Middlemast released Pote whose square pass was driven home by the newcomer.

After Greenwald had hit the bar, Middlemast sealed the game with a solo effort. Cutting inside Micevski, he beat Lacoic with a blistering shot from 20 metres.

Altona Gate had its best chances late in the game when a desperate tackle by Moyle saved a certain goal, and when

substitute Nedelkovski should have scored but stumbled and was dispossessed by Deane.

SANDRINGHAM 1 (Evans 86th) ELTHAM 0 Victorian Second Division match at Sandringham Saturday.

ELTHAM: Carey 7, Anagnostou 5, Shaw 7, M. Gliko 8, Cochran 6, Itou 6, Hadzic 6, P. Cirka 8, Moulis 6 sent off 84th, Schipano 6, Norton 6.

SANDRINGHAM: Karac 7, Stuart 7, Ford 6, Finnigan 7, Thompson 8, Dillon 6, Greenwood 8, Bolton 6 (Scott 31 7), Evans 6, Coyne 7 (Young 75th), Fenton 7.

One flash of Alan Evans gave the home side the points. Evans scored from close range following a corner kick four minutes from time.

Eltham looked by far the better side in the first half but had little penetration up front.

It was by Sandringham in the second session. They were constantly on the attack and got the goal they deserved.

WAVERLEY CITY 1 BELL PARK 1 Victorian Second Division game at Gardiners Creek Reserve, Saturday.

WAVERLEY CITY: Dorch — Coulter, Patterson, Dixon, Wilson — Drougde, Wilcox, Story, Gamara, Crompton (Keenan), Grimwade.

A resolute Bell Park almost snatched two points at Waverley, but had to settle for a draw after a last-minute equaliser by the home team.

The visitors from Geelong absorbed pressure for most of the play and then sneaked into the lead with a hotly-disputed goal five minutes from the end.

The equaliser came after Terry Grimwade's curled free kick around the Bell Park defensive wall hit the post. Dave Dixon retrieved the loose ball and Kyle Patterson headed home the precise cross.

KARINGAL 0 PORT MELBOURNE 1 (Kourellis 31st) Victorian Third Division match at Bolla Park, Saturday.

PORT MELBOURNE: Pasakos 7, Tsantoglakis 7, Sakelarios 7, Tzikas 7, Alkousis 7, Ulf 7 75th — Karastaidis on, Kostopoulos 7, Doukas 6, Nontis 6, Diamataris 6, Kourellis 6 off 80th Pappas on.

KARINGAL: Boutou 6, Durieux 7, Moore 7, Plaskott 7, Hill 6, Towers 6, Rouse 7, Miller 6, Griffin 6, Smith 6 off Hull on 62nd, Burrough 7.

In an unusual gesture the legendary Manny Poulakakis is freely advising coach Harry Petras and the boys of Port Melbourne in an effort to get the side out of the relegation area.

With a new found zest Port attacked with confidence and came close on many occasions.

Playing the ball wide Port stretched the Karingal defence which allowed captain Diamataris acres of space from where he was able to dictate the game.

Not surprisingly when the goal came he was the one who combined with Kostopoulos and eventually got the cross to Kourellis, who pushed the ball over the line.

In the second half Port was put under, some heavy pressure but the defence was quick to shut out any dangerous moves.

MOOROOLBARK 3 (Robert Mantel 13th, Reid 75th, Stone penalty 81st) YARRAVILLE 1 (Meletis penalty 70th) Victorian Third Division match at Esther Park, Saturday.

MOOROOLBARK: Scanlon 8, Cudde 8, Meehan 6, Scanlon 6, Reid 6.

Mantel 8, Wallace 9, Darwin 6 (D. Reid 65th).

YARRAVILLE: Glatas 7, Pappachristodoulou 7, Soumelidis 7, T. Pappachristodoulou 8, Tasominos 9, Mantis 8, Elertziou 7 (Labropoulos 73rd), Tsolokidis 8, Orfanidis 8, Petrakis 8 (Daglis 80th), Fakrakis 8.

CENTRAL CITY 1 (Rokсандic 7th) CHELSEA 0 Provisional First Division match at Central City, Saturday.

CENTRAL CITY: N. Popovic, Z. Rokсандic, G. Simic, D. Nikolic, D. Milenkovic, R. Lavinias, B. Andjelkovic, D. O'Bradovic, (Z. Jovanovic), N. Radunovic, S. Milekovic, (B. Stibij), I. Karic.

CHELSEA: C. Szabo, I. Jurinovic, M. Brolic (J. Kovac), J. Dilbert, M. Maupt, S. Majizovic, G. Casanova, (M. Rekovski), R. Ryff, H. Laloveto, T. Baci, P. Cuculet.

MONASH UNI 2 (Ikonomou 40th, 70th) DINGLEY 1 (Robinson o.g. 15th) Provisional Division two match at Monash Saturday.

MONASH UNI: J. Carey, T. Smurthwaite, G. Martin, P. Robinson, S. Van Der Westhulzen (sub N. Nasios 75th), C. E. Ng, N. Sinclair, G. Ikonomou, P. Taylor, L. Yong, J. Lapis (sub. P. Mills 70th).

DINGLEY: P. James, H. Day, C. Barker, S. Davidson, D. Slings, P. Pirras, V. Tagliarolo, J. Wood, T. Scicluna, F. Fiorentino, W. King.

Monash Uni. edged out visitors Dingley in a tight match that was always destined to be decided by the odd goal.

Dingley began confidently and took a deserved lead in the 15th minute. A corner was cleverly flicked on and hapless Monash defender Robinson turned the ball into his own goal.

The home side fought back, however, and equalised when George Ikonomou beat the persistent Dingley offside trap, rounding the keeper to score.

Monash grew in confidence after the break and went ahead with a superb Ikonomou goal. His 70th minute shot was a gem and gave James no chance.

Goals galore in Tasmania

Twenty-two goals in four matches is just the sort of thing to bring in the fans.

White Eagles rapidly is becoming known as the Houdini of Tasmanian soccer because of its second-half escapes.

Against Rapid on Wednesday, Eagles found themselves 3-0 down after half an hour but then fought back to win 4-3.

Juventus-Pioneer stormed to a 3-0 lead against Olympia-WPL in the opening minutes of their match only to see Perry Forster strike twice before the interval for the Greek side.

The turning point came when Olympia coach Peter Brine went off on the hour and the side then crumbled.

Morton tapped in Juventus's fourth goal in the 76th minute, however, and Kannegieser increased the lead two minutes later with a second penalty, this time hit to perfection.

An own-goal reduced Juventus's lead but Docherty made it 4-3 five minutes from time.

On Sunday, Caledonians led White Eagles 2-0 with 53 minutes gone through a brilliant goal by Goldsmith and an easy one by Parker only to see White Eagles hit back in the second half to equalize.

Croatia remain top of the League despite only drawing 1-1 with Rapid.

Details: Juventus 6 Olympia 3; White Eagles 4 Rapid 3; Caledonians 2 White Eagles 2; Croatia 1 Rapid 1.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	5	2	1	18	12	12
Juventus	4	2	1	20	13	10
Caledonians	3	4	2	22	19	10
White Eagles	4	2	2	18	18	10
Rapid	1	4	3	18	18	6
Olympia	1	3	10	14	5	5
University	1	1	8	4	22	1

Michael The Teller Coaching Award: I. Parker (Caledonia) 7 — M. Goldsmith (Caledonia) 4, Broadhead (Juventus), M. Laszczynski (White Eagles), G. — R. Fabrizio (Juventus), J. McIntyre (Metro), A. Laszczynski (White Eagles).

SELECTIONS

VICTORIAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: ALTONA GATE v Richmond, CAULFIELD CITY v Nunawading City, NTH DANDENONG v Moorabbin, MELBOURNE v Kew Park Rangers, DOVEYTON v Werribee, MORNINGTON v Doncaster, Broadmeadows v SUNBURY.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Coburg v SANDRINGHAM, ALTONA CITY v RINGWOOD UTD, Bell Park v Kildare, NTH v Waverley City, HAMLYN RANGERS v Dandenong City, Royal Richmond v STH CAULFIELD, Eltham v SM MORDIALLOC.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Prahran v KARINGAL, CELTIC v Heidelberg Bandora, YARRAVILLE v Moorabbin City, SPRINGVALE UTD v Moorabbin, Essendon City v Yallourn (draw), BULLEIN v Dora, Port Melbourne v Geelong (draw).

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: BRIGHTON v Borda, EAST BRUNSWICK v Ardeer, Boroona v Langwarrin (draw), HOLLAND PARK v Grandborough, BALLARAT v Kewborough, CLIFTON HILL v Lalor Utd, ROSANNA v Freetown Gully.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Reventon v Melbourne City, CLARINDA v Hawthorn, Abbotsford v Williamstown (draw), Wantaona v WEST BRUNSWICK, Chelsea v CLAYTON, East Geelong v CENTRAL CITY.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Dingley Utd v BERWICK CITY, NUNAWADING Utd v Monash Utd, Utd of Melbourne v Geelong Utd (draw), YARRAHE CITY v Sub Yarra, NTH SUNSHINE v Sub Dandenong, MELTON v Altona Utd.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: GLENROY v Fitzroy City, BURWOOD UTD v Lyndale Utd, Monbulk v WESTALL, CRANBURN v Mitcham.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: STH SPRINGVALE v Balacava, CLARINDA v YARRAHE, Richmond Utd, Lalor v MELBOURNE UTD, Batman Utd v WEST UTD, ST KILDA v West Meadows, Port Utd v CARRUM UTD, MULGRAVE v Meadow Park.

PROVISIONAL RESERVE CUP
Monday: PASCOE VALE v Melburn City, kick off 1 pm.

HARRY ARMSTRONG RESERVE CUP
Monday: Dandenong City v RINGWOOD UTD, WESTERN SUBURBS v St. Albans, MARIBYRONG POLONIA v Box Hill, GEELONG v Bell Park, ST ALBANS v Sunbury, Boroona v FRANKSTON PINES, MOOROOLBARK v Hamlyn Rangers, DOVEYTON v Corio, Coburg v KNOX CITY, BALLARAT v Springvale Utd, East Brunswick v Yarraville, ALTONA CITY v Ardeer, Lalor Utd v SM MORDIALLOC, Springvale City v MELBOURNE, Altona Gate v CAULFIELD CITY.

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Club closeup

Nunawading City

SOCCER ACTION



● In 1970, despite some scepticism from neighbouring soccer clubs, a few friends, mainly parents of soccer-playing boys, decided to form a club in the Nunawading area. Before a club constitution was thought of, a special meeting of Val Mullett, John Leese, Doris Mullett and Derek Mullett met to chart the formation of the club. The first president was Val Mullett. Until the appointment of Roy Gardner as secretary, Doris Mullett performed the duties of secretary/treasurer. A very enthusiastic ladies committee of Daphne Leese (president), Sheila Valm, and Audrey Mullett (treasurer), was formed and set about the job of accumulating funds to run it. Nunawading council was sympathetic to the club's approach for playing pitches at Mahoney's Reserve, but for a short period East Burwood Reserve becoming the club's venue. Nunawading City's first coach was Ray Lloyd, and by 1973 the number of teams fielded by the club had exploded to 15, which included a senior team that was admitted to the Provisional League and commenced on the road to success.

In 1978, the Provisional League Cup was won and the following season the club was Champion of Provisional League Division One and so won entry to the Metropolitan League. It is history that the club was promoted four times in five seasons to reach its current status of Division One (now called the Victorian League). During the club's history many junior titles have been won and one only has to look at recent senior teams to see the merit of this policy of fostering youth. Ground facilities also have come on a long way since those early days. A fully enclosed ground, floodlighting for training and the building of social rooms in conjunction with Nunawading cricket club are all evidence of this. The future of Nunawading City indeed looks secure.

● Nunawading City currently has a vacancy for a goalkeeper for its reserve or youth team. Interested players should phone 233 6913 or 232 1968 for further details.

BACK ROW: Chris Middlemas (from Doncaster Rovers 1985), John Pote (from Riverdale 1985), Scott Deane (from juniors), Robert Medler (from Waverley City 1983), Phil Mullett (from juniors), David Brown (from juniors), Peter Nellis (Coach).

FRONT ROW: Malcolm Burt (from juniors), Ross Hankel (from juniors), Scott Nellis (from juniors), Jonathan Groenwald (from Fernside 1984), Marco Roggero (from Dandenong North 1985), Steve Moyle (from juniors).



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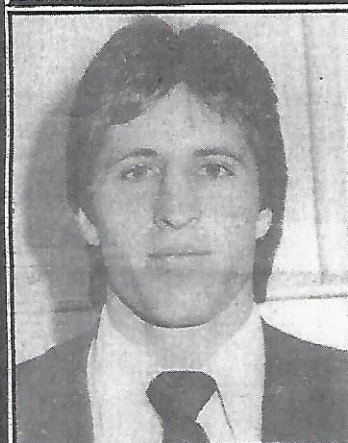
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GEORGE CROSS
VS
BRISBANE CITY
at CHAPLIN RESERVE
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GEORGE CROSS

VS
CROYDON CITY
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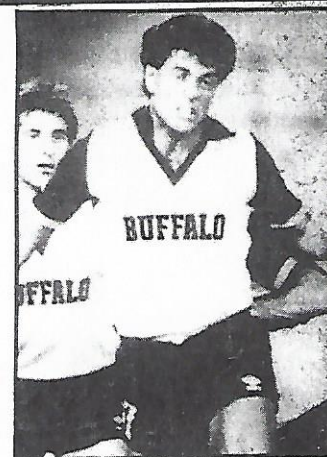
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VS
STH MELB HELLAS
at 12.45

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER
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at OLYMPIC VILLAGE
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YOUTH GAME:
HEIDELBERG
ALEXANDER

VS
MELB. CROATIA
at 12.45



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